

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato) the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Canavan of Brockton.

A statement of Mrs. Canavan of Brockton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of
Mrs. Canavan
of Brockton.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for a portion of the session held on Wednesday, November 13, due to an emergency in my district that forced me to return home. My missing of roll calls yesterday was due entirely to the reason stated.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

Olympics,—
hosting
study.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Andrea M. Crupi of Andover to serve as his designee on the special commission established (pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 2013) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the feasibility of hosting the summer Olympics in the Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Kenneth P.
Mildren.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Kenneth P. Mildren on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Assessor of the town of Littleton;

Liam
Egan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Liam Egan on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Joshua
Segill.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kafka of Stoughton and Cronin of Easton) congratulating Joshua Segill of Boy Scout Troop 42 on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Grant
Putnam.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Grant Putnam on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Hunt of Sandwich and Atkins of Concord, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Randy Hunt, Cory Atkins and others for legislation to authorize income tax filers to make voluntary contributions to the Massachusetts Cultural Development Fund on their annual income tax returns. Cultural Development,—voluntary contributions.

By Representative Kulik of Worthington and Senator Spilka, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen Kulik, Karen E. Spilka and others relative to borrowing by municipalities. Municipalities,—borrowing.

By Mr. Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia and others relative to prescription drugs. Prescription drugs.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia and others relative to prescription drugs for MassHealth enrollees. MassHealth,—prescription drugs.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

The Senate Bill fostering economic independence (Senate, No. 1806), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3756). Economic independence.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Flanagan, Barrett and Hedlund had been appointed the committee on the part of said branch. Conference committee.

On motions of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Dempsey, Khan of Newton and Ferguson of Holden then were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Id.

Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of David T. Vieira and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Mashpee concerning the Mashpee Water District. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Lynn, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Mashpee Water District.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 1864, a Bill relative to vehicles of home care clinicians (House, No. 3761). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Home care clinicians,—vehicles.

Transportation,—
financing.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3327, reported, in part, a Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth's transportation system (House, No. 3763) [Bond issue: \$12,091,889,770.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Constables,—
reporting.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill further regulating reporting requirements of constables (House, No. 1854).

Puppies and
kittens,—
protection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 401 and House, Nos. 1825 and 1874, a Bill relative to protecting puppies and kittens (House, No. 3762).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Building
lots.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to protect residential building lots (House, No. 1165).

Insurance
proceeds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal use of insurance proceeds (House, No. 1822).

Dogs,—
tethering.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 952 and House, Nos. 1826 and 1840, a Bill relative to the tethering of dogs outside (House, No. 1826).

Regional
stabilization
funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional stabilization funds (House, No. 1839, changed in line 10 and also in line 12 by striking out the figures: "60" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the figures: "180").

Handicapped
parking.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure adequate handicapped parking (House, No. 1843).

Municipal
finance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to streamlining municipal finance (House, No. 1857).

Dartmouth,—
roadways.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dartmouth to accept certain roadways as public ways (House, No. 3697) [Local Approval Received].

Norwood,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to change the use of a recreation department parcel and to erect and constitute an Eastern Massachusetts Regional Ice Skating Rink and Recreation Center (House, No. 3712).

Milford,—
treasurer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Milford to appoint the town treasurer (House, No. 3740) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Chrystal
Bonner.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Chrystal Bonner, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3750); and

India Haith,—
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for India Haith, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3751);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill [sic] hospital indemnity insurance policies (House, No. 867), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Indemnity insurance policies.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading, with an amendment previously recommended by the committee on Health Care Financing,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3730),— pending.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the city of Fall River to use certain park land for combined sewer overflow control (Senate, No. 1851) [Local Approval Received]; and Fall River,— land.

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (Senate, No. 1884) [Local Approval Received]; and Sandwich,— charter.
House bills

Relative to the Nantucket Memorial Airport Fuel Revolving Account (House, No. 3626) [Local Approval Received]; and Nantucket,— airport account.

Authorizing the W. Barnstable Fire District to Fund Library Services for the Whelden Memorial Library (House, No. 3648) [Local Approval Received]; Whelden Memorial Library.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments to the House Bill authorizing the town of Concord to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3615), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence. Concord,— liquor license.

The Senate Bill extending the Environmental Joint Powers Agreement that created the A-B-C Stormwater Flooding Board (Senate, No. 1857), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to the substitution of interchangeable biosimilars (House, No. 3734), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Id.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.