

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, February 26, 2015.

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).

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. Pledge of allegiance.

### *Guests of the House.*

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced students from Mr. Spencer Kenard's A.P. U.S. Government and Politics course at Auburn High School, state champions of the "We the People" competition. The students, who participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, will represent the Commonwealth at the national finals competition in Washington, D.C., on April 24, 2015. They were the guests of Mr. Frost of Auburn. Auburn High School A.P. students.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Brian J. Berry on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; Brian J. Berry.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating the Temple Aliyah in Needham on its fiftieth anniversary; Needham,—  
Temple Aliyah.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Holmes of Boston) honoring Senator William "Bill" Owens; William Owens.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Howitt of Seekonk) honoring Fire Chief Robert Pray upon the occasion of his retirement; and Robert Pray.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Whelan of Brewster) honoring police officer Stephen M. O'Brien on his retirement from the town of Barnstable; Stephen M. O'Brien.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the temporary 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. Tucker of Salem, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Petitions.*

Mr. Jones of North Reading presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 58) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and James J. Dwyer (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the home rule charter of the town of Reading; and the same was referred, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, to the temporary committee on Rules. Reading,—  
charter.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill relative to the town of Reading home rule charter (House, No. 58), which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

North Reading,—  
land conveyance.

Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Tarr presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 57) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the town of North Reading; and the same was referred, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill authorizing the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the town of North Reading (House, No. 57). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*Paper from the Senate.*

Audrey Graham Smith,—  
sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Audrey Graham Smith, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Senate, No. 15) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next sitting.

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representatives Campanale of Leicester moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of John Rucho, a member of the House from Worcester from 1973 to 1978, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.