

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 2, 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).

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.

Resolutions.

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

Ellen
Wilbur.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Ellen Wilbur on receiving the 2015 Access to Justice Award from the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance and the Victim and Witness Assistance Board; and

Admetech,—
Prostate
Cancer
Awareness
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) commending the Admetech Foundation on hosting the seventh annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the Massachusetts State House on April 16, 2015;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, 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. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Report.

Department of
Children and
Families.

A report of the Office of the Child Advocate (under item 0411-1005 contained in Section 2 and also Section 219 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) providing a review and analysis of the office management, recordkeeping, and background check procedures of the Department of Children and Families, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Tyngsborough,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Miss Garry of Dracut presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 196) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) that the town of Tyngsborough be authorized to issue up to ten additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Local aid,—
funding level.

By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis relative to local aid.

Lottery, etc.—
expenditures.

By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis relative to state lottery and gaming fund expenditures.

Turnpike,—
tolls.

By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis relative to tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 38) of Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the town of Barre, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Barre,—
police
salaries.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ellen Carlson, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 39) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Ellen
Carlson,—
sick leave.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for the House.

Under suspension of said rule, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Lawn, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Edward Conley, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

Edward
Conley.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Lanesborough as the Sergeant Gregory Aloysius Noonan Bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Lanesborough.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Establishing a sick leave bank for James O'Brien, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 18); and

James
O'Brien.

Relative to the special election in the city known as the town of Greenfield (Senate, No. 20, amended) [Local Approval Received];

Greenfield,—
special
election.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing for the financing of certain improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House bill printed in House, No. 3187), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the town of Reading home rule charter (see House, No. 63) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Morrill, an employee of the Attleboro District Court (House, No. 1368), 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.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.