

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 7, 2016.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), 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:

National Coin Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cassidy of Brockton, Cronin of Easton and DuBois of Brockton) commending the Boston Numismatic Society, the Collectors Club of Boston and the Currency Club of New England on their celebration of National Coin Week;

Benjamin Kerns.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton, Rogers of Norwood, McMurtry of Dedham and Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Benjamin Kendall Kerns on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Emerson Kerns.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton, Rogers of Norwood, McMurtry of Dedham and Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Emerson Alexander Kerns on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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. McMurtry of Dedham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Barnstable County,—technology fund.

From the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (under Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure of technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and committee on Post Audit and Oversight];

Underground utilities commission.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 61 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 2014) regarding the special commission established to investigate and study ways to improve coordination among utility providers and municipalities to reduce unnecessary or duplicative roadway construction related to underground utilities established under Section 61 of said law;

Disabled persons protection commission.

From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 in Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its report detailing by district, the amount of case referrals by the disabled persons protection commission for fiscal year 2015; and

From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting a report detailing all district attorneys' offices' use of drug forfeiture funds collected pursuant to Chapter 94C of the General Laws; Severally were placed on file.

Drug forfeiture funds.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill to allow municipalities to invest in credit unions (House, No. 4148),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services.

Municipalities,—credit unions.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning state administration issues (House, No. 4102) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 3889) of Gailanne M. Cariddi, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation to establish the public construction surety bond state guarantee fund,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Public construction surety bonds.

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

Updating a certain requirement for on premises liquor license applicants (House, No. 266);

Liquor license applicants.

Providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 657);

Water resource funds.

Relative to vacant and abandoned property in the Commonwealth (House, No 1860);

Abandoned property.

Relative to the effective enforcement of municipal ordinances and bylaws (House, No. 1864);

Municipal ordinances.

Strengthening the enforcement of certain dog laws (House, No. 1866);

Dog laws.

Relative to clarity and truthfulness in direct mailings (House, No. 3214);

Direct mail.

Relative to the date of town elections in the town of Southbridge (House, No. 3998) [Local Approval Received];

Southbridge,—elections.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Leanna Babineau, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4123); and

Leanna Babineau.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Miranda Marie Flanagan, an employee of the Department of Transportation (House, No. 4124);

Miranda Flanagan.

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

Telecommunica-
tions, utilities
and energy,—
study.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 755, 772, 2847, 2848, 2852, 2859, 2860, 2864, 2865, 2866, 2867, 2868, 2869, 2870, 2872, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2879, 2880, 2882, 2883, 2884, 2885, 2886, 2887, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2893, 2894, 2896, 2897, 2898, 2899, 2900, 2902, 2903, 2905, 2906, 2907, 2908, 2910, 2911, 2912, 2913, 2914, 2915, 2916, 2917, 2918, 2919, 2920, 3306, 3307, 3309, 3310, 3525, 3527, 3528, 3530, 3531, 3533, 3534, 3579, 3724 and 3776, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning telecommunications, utilities and energy issues (House, No. 4177). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Elders,—
task force.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill creating a task force on Massachusetts older adults of all incomes (House, No. 4155), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cemeteries,—
consumer
protections.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to consumer protections with regard to cemeteries and crematories (House, No. 210).

Beaver
damage
control.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to establish a Beaver Damage Control Commission (House, No. 714) [Representative Mannal of Barnstable dissenting].

Striped bass,—
conservation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate No. 476 and House, Nos. 667, 759 and 760, a Bill relative to the conservation of striped bass (House, No. 4169).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Bars,—
security
staff.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to third party training and background checks for violent history for security staff at bars and clubs (House, No. 240).

Conservation
and
agriculture.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill amending the conservation restrictions and agricultural preservation statutes (House, No. 710).

Financial
assurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill permitting review of financial assurance mechanisms (House, No. 719).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 432 and House, No. 728, a Bill relative to the use of shotguns (House, No. 728).

Shotgun
use.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 433 and House, No. 742, a Bill promoting awareness of safe recreation in public waterways (House, No. 742).

Public
waterways.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program (House, No. 749).

Buffer
zones.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to failed septic systems (House, No. 750).

Septic
systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to nitrogen impaired embayments (House, No. 751).

Nitrogen
embayments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing packaging waste in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3418).

Waste,—
reduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce solid waste and provide universal recycling access (House, No. 3420).

Waste and
recycling.

By the same member for the same committee, on Senate, No. 400 and House, No. 705, a Bill to establish the clean environment fund (House, No. 4167).

Environment,—
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 406 and House, No. 663, a Bill to reduce plastic bag pollution (House, No. 4168).

Plastic
bags.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 721 and 773, a Bill regulating the cultivation of industrial hemp (House, No. 4170).

Industrial
hemp.

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

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to the disclosure of wetlands on property (House, No. 150).

Wetlands,—
disclosure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to notification of licensees (House, No. 257).

Liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing timely consumer protection for users of real estate appraisal services (House, No. 269).

Real estate
appraisers.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 720 and 775, a Bill amending MGL 21E and 310 CMR 4.03 (House, No. 4171).

Municipalities,—
compliance
fee.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to solar energy (see Senate, No. 1979, amended), 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. A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article

Solar
energy.

LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Boston,—
Paul C.
McLaughlin
Bridge.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston as the Paul C. McLaughlin Bridge (see House, No. 3636, changed and amended), 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.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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.

At twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.