

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 21, 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.

Changes in House and Joint Standing Committees.

The following notice was received from the Minority Leader, to wit:—

April 21, 2015.

Steven T. James, Clerk
House of Representatives
The State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Changes in
House and
joint standing
committees.

Please be advised that I have made certain appointments to House Committees and to a Joint Standing Committee of the House and Senate, as follows:

To the House Committee on Personnel and Administration:

- Relieving Representative David K. Muradian, Jr., of Grafton
- Relieving Representative James M. Kelcourse of Amesbury
- Appointing Representative Geoff Diehl of Whitman
- Appointing Representative Hannah E. Kane of Shrewsbury

To the House Committee on Redistricting:

- Relieving Representative Shawn Dooley of Norfolk
- Appointing Representative Hannah E. Kane of Shrewsbury

To the Joint Committee on Transportation:

- Relieving Representative Geoff Diehl of Whitman
- Appointing Representative Hannah E. Kane of Shrewsbury

These appointments were ratified on April 17, 2015 by a majority vote of the members of the minority party caucus, all under House Rule 18A.

Please contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BRADLEY H. JONES, JR.,
Minority Leader.

Statement of Representative Haddad of Somerset.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday last due to an emergency family situation that required my attention. Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on roll call numbers 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33; and in the affirmative on roll call number 34, on adoption of an order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2016 for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements [House, No. 3400] (for order, see House, No. 3399). My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Haddad of
Somerset.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Mirra of West Newbury) congratulating Dalton Colleen Clark on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Dalton
Colleen
Clark.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Mirra, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered. That, a convention of the two branches be held at one o'clock P.M., on Monday, April 27, 2015, for the purpose of commemorating the 50th Anniversary of an address delivered by the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., to a Joint Convention of the two Houses of the General Court on April 22, 1965.

Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King,
Jr., speech,—
commemoration.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communication.

A communication from the Center for Health Information and Analysis (see Section 30 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014) submitting a report on its review of the accessibility of substance use disorder treatment and the adequacy of insurance coverage for such treatment in the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Substance use
disorder
treatment,—
insurance.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill exempting the police department of the town of Westwood from the civil service law (see House, No. 2370), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 2, in line 4, striking out the word "uniformed".

Westwood,—
civil
service.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Christine
Chrzanowski,—
sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christine Chrzanowski, an employee of Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 1917) (on Senate bill No. 37), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

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

Municipalities,—
cash
sureties.

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 41) of Harriette L. Chandler, Michael O. Moore, Barbara L'Italien, Thomas M. McGee and other members of the General Court for legislation to clarify municipal authority regarding cash sureties,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Susan
Comeau,—
sick leave.

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 petition of Frank A. Moran and Barbara L'Italien for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Comeau, an employee of Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

Daniel
Cardillo,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Cardillo, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see House, No. 3183), 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.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the town of Reading home rule charter (see House, No. 63, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed

to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill exempting the police department of the town of Westwood from the civil service law (see House, No. 2370, amended) (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. Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ignacio "Iggy" Farias, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3338) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to certain elections in the city of Newton (House, No. 3324), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Newton,— elections.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 1. The second sentence of subsection (a) of section 8-3 of article 8 of the charter of the city of Newton, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words:— , which shall be a Tuesday."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3324, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

At six minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.