JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, April 23, 2015.

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.

Message from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Acting Governor — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

Westwood, police A message from His Honor the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Acting Governor, returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill exempting the police department of the town of Westwood from the civil service law [see House, No. 2370, amended] (for message, see House, No. 3345), was filed in the office of the Clerk during today's session.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the acting Governor, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Subsequently said committee reported that the amendment recommended by the Acting Governor be considered in the following form:

In section 2, in line 2 (as engrossed), by striking out the word "uniformed".

The report was accepted; and the amendment was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

Message from the Governor.

Transportation authority,—reform.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to a reliable, sustainable Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3347), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 22.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) congratulating Paul Michael Bonetti on earning the rank of Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Ellen Harde of Westford on being named the 2015 Person of the Year by the Roudenbush Community Center;

Paul Michael Bonetti.

Ellen Harde.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Dempsey of Haverhill, Jones of North Reading and Dwyer of Woburn) recognizing Martin J. Benison as Comptroller of the Commonwealth:

Benison.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Colby Lawrence King on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America:

Colby

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) dedicating the Franciose Family Square in the town of Natick;

Franciose Square.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) honoring Florence Seldin for her many years of service to the town of Chatham and the community;

Florence Seldin.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) honoring Sean R. Summers for his years of service to the town of Chatham;

Sean R. Summers.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Duncan Alexander Crow on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Duncan Crow.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Alexander George Izikson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of

Alexander

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring William George Luzaitis on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of

William Luzaitis.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring William Thomas Maynard on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William Maynard.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Brendan Kevin Monagle on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of

Brendan Monagle.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Brady William O'Leary on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of

Brady O'Leary.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Carl Stanford Richardson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America:

Carl Richardson.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Stephen Charles Selvidge on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of

Stephen Selvidge.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring William M. Skelly on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William M. Skelly.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating the town of Franklin upon being named a Purple Heart Community by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

Franklin,-Purple Heart community.

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

Report.

A report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 264 of Chap- Tax amnesty ter 165 of the Acts of 2014) submitting a report detailing the results of program. the Fall 2014 tax amnesty program, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Veterans.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day for legislation to recognize reserve veterans as veterans in the Commonwealth.

Motor vehicles, headlight use. By Representatives Garry of Dracut and Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry, Keiko M. Orrall and others relative to windshield wiper and headlight use.

Vegetation management plans. By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh and others relative to vegetation management plans.

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

Paper from the Senate.

Essex Aggie. A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to Essex Tech, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1919) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

Retirement, supplemental dependent allowances. 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 Aaron Michlewitz relative to supplemental dependent allowance. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, 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.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill re-enacted.

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) (which had been returned by His Honor the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Acting Governor, with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be reenacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christine Chrzanowski, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 1917), 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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kim Quitadamo, an employee of the Worcester County Superior Court (House, No. 3339), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Quitadamo.sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mrs. Ferguson of Holden moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kim Quitadamo, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3348), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 Next on Monday next at ten o'clock A.M.

At a quarter after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at ten o'clock A.M.