

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 7, 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.

Appointments to the Massachusetts Asian-American Commission.

Asian-American Commission,—appointments.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Mr. Larry Wong of Stoneham (to serve until December 31, 2015), Ms. Lianna Kushi of Lowell (to serve until December 31, 2016), and Ms. Sophy Theam of Lowell (to serve until December 31, 2017) as members of the permanent commission on the status of citizens of Asian descent.

Resolutions.

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

Nicholas Barry.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Nicholas Evan Barry on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Edward R. Debevoise.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Edward R. Debevoise on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Richard Freimer.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Richard Boncza Freimer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin Heer.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Benjamin Lukas Heer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Maximilian Petersen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Maximilian Donald Petersen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew Hajjar.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Matthew Hajjar on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

George Usevich.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating George Stephen Usevich of Norwood on a fifty year career of educational service to Norwood High School; and

Jason Dean Sicklick.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Jason Dean Sicklick 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.

Communications

From the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to 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]; and

Barnstable
County
Registry of
Deeds.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 35X of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the Quality in Health Professions Trust Fund annual report;

Health quality
trust fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (under the provisions of Section 17 (2) of Chapter 23E of the General Laws) on the state of the workers' compensation system for fiscal year 2014 [copies of said report forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Labor and Workforce Development]; and

Workers'
Compensation.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for April, 2015;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3355) of Thomas M. Stanley and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Lincoln,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3356) of Bradford R. Hill (by vote of the town) that the town of Wenham be authorized to pay a certain unpaid bill. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Wenham,—
unpaid
bill.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3357) of Timothy R. Whelan and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) that the town of Dennis be authorized to impose a local sales tax on the sale of medical marijuana. To the committee on Revenue.

Dennis,—
marijuana
sales tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Retirement,—
court
officers.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan for legislation to classify court officer I, court officer II, and court officer III in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees.

Revere and
Winthrop,—
dispatch
center.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. DeLeo, RoseLee Vincent and Anthony W. Petruccelli relative to the regional public safety communications and dispatch center for the city of Revere and the town of Winthrop.

John G.
Flores.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Lawn, Jr. relative to retirement benefits for John G. Flores.

Diane
Cummings,—
health care.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Chandler, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to authorize Diane Cummings certain health care benefits.

Former
employees.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers relative to the employment status of certain former public employees.

Herbicides,—
application.

By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh for legislation to prohibit the application of herbicides within five hundred feet of a residence, school or playground.

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

Papers from the Senate.

An order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton; and it was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Net Metering
and Solar
Task Force.

Ordered, That the General Court is hereby authorized an directed to accept the report on Net Metering and Solar Task Force (pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2014), the time within which said task force was required to file having expired.

Historic
homes,—
damage
penalties.

A report of the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1519) of Joan B. Lovely, Paul F. Tucker, Brian M. Ashe, Chris Walsh and others for legislation to impose a penalty for the damaging of historic homes,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Denise
Dellagrotte,—
sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Denise Dellagrotte, an employee of the Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1923) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

Sewer
assessments.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill regulating sewer betterment assessments in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2603);

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to disabled veterans exemption of excise tax on a vehicle (House, No. 2658); and Motor vehicle excise tax.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to sales and excise tax exemptions for disabled veterans (House, No. 2663); Id.

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

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

Under suspension of the rules, 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.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to creating a commission to study the feasibility of simplifying the personal income tax code (House, No. 2546). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Income tax.— study.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, No. 1487 and House, Nos. 2446, 2475, 2517 and 2670, a Bill relative to bundled cellular telephone transactions (House, No. 2517). Cellular telephones.— taxation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Title 5 income tax credit reform (House, No. 2542). Title 5,— tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill encouraging cultural council funding (House, No. 2547). Cultural council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the tax expenditure budget (House, No. 2570). Tax expenditures.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.