

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

---

Tuesday, May 12, 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).

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. Pledge of allegiance.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Malia of Boston, Hogan of Stow and Peake of Provincetown) recognizing the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network for organizing a National Day of Silence to raise awareness about anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender harassment faced by school students, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

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

### *Communication.*

A communication from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 29 of Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014, as amended by Section 12 of Chapter 237 of the Acts of 2014) submitting a New Bedford State Pier supplemental document to the full condition survey of the State Pier Report, was placed on file. New Bedford State Pier.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

*Ordered*, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII, as amended by Article LXXXI, of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at one o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution. Insofar as applicable, the special rules of procedure, in effect in the preceding General Court, shall govern said joint session, and any further sessions called for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution. Constitutional convention.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 343) of Bruce E. Tarr, Todd M. Smola, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Paul R. Heroux and others for legislation relative to the modernization of boat registration and marine vessels,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Boats, etc.,— registration.

Net Metering Task Force.—

A report from the Net Metering Task Force (under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2014) (Senate, No. 1992), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Notice was received that the following proposals for legislative amendments to the Constitution had been called for consideration in the Joint Session by the Senate:

Constitution,—  
corporate  
political  
spending.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to corporate rights and political spending (see Senate, No. 53), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws had reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Constitution,—  
rainy day  
funds.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 61), with reference to which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass [Senator Tarr and Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Dubois of Brockton dissenting].

*Reports of Committees.*

Neighbor-  
hoods,—  
safety.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 64) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Mary S. Keefe, Christine P. Barber, William N. Brownsberger and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase neighborhood safety and opportunity,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

School  
improvement  
plans.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to school improvement plans (House, No. 391), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—  
*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at a quarter before one o'clock P.M.

---

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at a quarter before one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.