

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., 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.

Guests of the House.

Arlington
High School
and Riverdale
School of
Dedham.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from Arlington High School, the guests of Mr. Garballey of Arlington; and students from the Riverdale School in Dedham, the guests of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham. The students and chaperones from both schools then participated in leading the House in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Recess.

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At two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine before two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Message from the Governor.

Essex,—
town
meeting.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at an annual town meeting and election in the town of Essex (House, No. 3559), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, May 22.

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

Additional Petition.

A petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 16, 2015) was referred as follows:

Holyoke,—
Geriatric
Authority.

Mr. Vega of Holyoke presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3555) of Aaron Vega, Donald F. Humason, Jr., and Carlos González relative to the dissolution of the Geriatric Authority of Holyoke. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Quincy
College,—

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3556) of Ronald Mariano and others (with the approval of the

mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the board of governors of Quincy College to issue baccalaureate degrees. To the committee on Higher Education. baccalaureate degrees.

By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3557) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish a four year term for the office of city councilor of said city; and Holyoke,— city council term.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3558) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish a four year term for the office of mayor of said city; Holyoke,— mayoral term.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Bradley of Hingham and Senator L'Italien, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Garrett J. Bradley, Barbara L'Italien and Timothy R. Madden relative to ABLE accounts; ABLE accounts.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to the earned income tax credit; Earned income tax credit.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William Daly for legislation to authorize law enforcement personnel to tow vehicles in violation of motor vehicle height restrictions; and Vehicles,— towing.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to accidental death benefits; Accidental death benefits.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2016 for the maintenance of the 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. 3401), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 1930. General Appropriation Bill.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Messrs. Dempsey, Kulik of Worthington and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined. Committee of conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Spilka, DiDomenico and deMacedo had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate. Id.

Reports of Committees.

Marlborough,—
land.

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 Danielle W. Gregoire and Carmine L. Gentile for legislation to authorize the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Environmental
police,—
staffing levels.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2579) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to a review of existing staffing levels of environmental police officers in the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at a twenty-seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.