

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, June 2, 2016.

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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, a group of 5th grade students and their teachers from the Cunniff Elementary School in Watertown. They were the guests of Mr. Lawn of Watertown.

Watertown,—
Cunniff
School.

Later in the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and introduced students and teachers from the Cunningham Elementary School in Milton, who were also seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Mr. Timilty of Milton.

Milton,—
Cunningham
School.

Near the end of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced students from New Ipswich, New Hampshire, who were visiting the State House on invitation of the Speaker's staff. They were the guests of the Speaker.

New Ipswich
New
Hampshire,—
students.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Matthew Joseph Benson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew
Benson.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Andrew William Mallett on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Andrew
Mallett.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Peter Eric Phelan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Peter
Phelan.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter V. Kocot that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management

Northampton,—
land.

and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Northampton to said city for affordable housing purposes.

Weymouth,—
land.
By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and James M. Murphy that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Weymouth.

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

Paper from the Senate.

General
Appropriation
Bill.
The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 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. 4201), 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 2305.

Committee of
conference.
Under suspension of Rule 35, 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.

Id.
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.

Reports of Committees.

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 following petitions:

Aquinnah and
Chilmark,—
boundaries.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf relative to changing the town line between the towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

ABCC,—
retirement.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato relative to the retirement benefits of special investigators of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission. To the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Piesch of Wellesley, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

State owned
bank,—
study.
Of the Bill establishing a commission to study the feasibility of establishing a bank owned by the Commonwealth or by a public authority constituted by the Commonwealth (House, No. 934);

Of the Bill creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders (House, No. 2142);

Of the Bill to review security and safety procedures in the State House and state courthouses (House, No. 2166);

Of the Bill establishing the Massachusetts law revision commission (House, No. 2813);

Of the Bill relative to improving passenger rail service between Springfield and Boston (House, No. 3026);

Of the Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 3311); and

Of the Bill establishing a commission on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (House, No. 3516); and

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide (House, No. 513);

Of the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to preparedness for natural disasters (House, No. 2162);

Of the Resolve establishing a special commission to investigate and study relative to the application of building codes when existing structures in gateway cities are converted to a mixed-use development (House, No. 2189); and

Of the Resolve providing for the creation of a special commission relative to the seal and motto of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2810);

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Senate Bill to protect children and families from harmful flame retardants (Senate, No. 2302); and

Of the House Bill to protect children, firefighters and families from harmful flame retardants (House, No. 4241);

And recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill requiring transparency in telephone solicitations (House, No. 4180), be scheduled for consideration by the House, with an amendment previously recommended by the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,—that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4334),—was adopted.

The substituted bill then was ordered to a third reading.

Sex offenders,—
task force.

State House,
etc.,—safety.

Law revision
commission.

Springfield
and Boston.

Long Island,—
ferry service.

American
Revolution.

Child suicide,—
study.

Natural
disasters.

Gateway
cities,—
study.

State seal,—
study.

Flame
retardants.

Id.

Telephone
solicitations.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Child abuse. Relative to mandated reporters (House, No. 132, changed);
 Vision screening. Requiring the Department of Public Health to issue a report on vision screening for children (House, No. 1886);
 Diabetes. Relative to diabetes prevention (House, No., 3871);
 Salem Harbor port authority. Authorizing the city of Salem to establish the Salem Harbor Port Authority (House, No. 3894, changed) [Local Approval Received];
 Move over. Relative to the move over law (House, No. 4244); and
 Springfield,—contracts law. Exempting the city of Springfield from certain provisions of Section 29 of Chapter 43 (House, No. 4255) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Prescription eye drops. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to prescription eye drops (House, No. 4195), ought to pass. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Opiate overdose deaths,—awareness. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill increasing awareness of suspected opiate overdose deaths (House, No. 2104), ought to pass with amendments in line 2 by striking out the figures “70” and inserting in place thereof the figures “71”; and in line 3 by striking out the figures “71” and inserting in place thereof the figures “72”. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendments pending.

Assets. By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill regarding asset forfeiture (House, No. 1148).

Juveniles,—records. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1248, 1254, 1270, 1297, 1299 and 1433, a Bill relative to the expungement of records (House, No. 4363).

Sexual assault,—evidence. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1278, a Bill relative to preservation of evidence for victims of rape and sexual assault (House, No. 4364).

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

Animals,—security. By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill updating the law relating to posting a security for seized animals in cruelty cases (House, No. 1220).

Disabilities,—protection. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 1549).

Recreational vehicles,—hit and run. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1216, a Bill increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4362).

Electronic mail. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1287, a Bill relative to access to a decedent’s electronic mail accounts (House, No. 4365).

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating the town of Billerica as the Yankee Doodle Town (House, No. 4251) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Rick Freni, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4267);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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 Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M. Next sitting.

At six minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.