

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 4, 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).

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.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

Controlled substances.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to administering controlled substances [see House, No. 4489] (for message, see House, No. 4558) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, July 28.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Guests of the House.

Department of Mental Health,—interns and staff.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced interns from the Department of Mental Health along with DMH Staff: Steve Cidlevich, Legislative Director and Lisa Colozzo.

The DMH Student Intern Program provides experience and knowledge to students interested in the mission and vision of DMH. The interns also gain comprehensive knowledge and understanding of what it means to work in public service. It is, additionally, a prodigious way for the department to receive assistance on unique projects and initiatives.

They were the guests of Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and McMurtry of Dedham.

Resolutions.

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

Stoneham Fire Station.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) commending the town of Stoneham on the one hundredth anniversary of the Stoneham Fire Station; and

Responsible Gaming Education Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk, Poirier of North Attleborough, Heroux of Attleboro, Barrows of Mansfield, Roy of Franklin and Howitt of Seekonk) commending the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gaming on its recognition of Responsible Gaming Education Week;

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

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 65 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting the 2015 Annual Gaming Audit [a copy was forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means]; and

Gaming Commission.

From the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (see Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) submitting annual reports for fiscal years 2012 through 2015; Severally were placed on file.

Legal Assistance Corporation.

Reports.

The annual report of the Commission on the Status of Women (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) of its activities and findings for the period July 2015 to June 2016;

Status of Women.

A quarterly report of the Emerging Technology Fund (under Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003) submitting financial statements and other findings from January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016; and

Emerging Technology Fund.

A report of the Horse Racing Committee (under Section 60 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) containing recommendations on the distribution of funds from the Race Horse Development fund; Severally were placed on file.

Race horse fund.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4572) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Grafton be authorized to exempt certain police officers from provisions of the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Grafton,—civil service.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4573) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the town of Westwood. To the committee on Revenue. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westwood,—property taxes.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Devers of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcos A. Devers for legislation to designate dominoes as the official game of the Commonwealth.

Dominoes,—official game.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jose Valencia, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Jose Valencia,—sick leave.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Orleans to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 3664), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by said branch with an amendment in section 1, in line 1, striking out the words "any general or special law to the contrary" and inserting in

Orleans,—land.

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land. place thereof the following: “chapter 30B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of said chapter 30B”.
The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Report of a Committee.

Concord,—
tax
exemption. By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a Concord senior means-tested property tax exemption (House, No. 4473) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Emergency Measures.

Northampton,—
land. The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to exchange certain parcels of land with the city of Northampton (see House, No. 4520, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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enacted. Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Springfield,—
land. The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant to the Association for Community Living, Inc. certain parcels of land in the city of Springfield (see House, No. 4522), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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Engrossed Bills and Resolve.

Engrossed bills

Bills
enacted. Providing for the use of a certain parcel of land in the city of Woburn for recreational purposes (see House, No. 3957, amended); and Authorizing the city of Holyoke to establish a program for enforcement against illegal dumping (see House, No. 4262);
(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Resolve establishing the special commission on local and regional public health (see Senate, No. 2296, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills
Relative to a certain residential tax exemption in the city of Chelsea (Senate, No. 2268) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and Third reading bills.

Relative to the towing away and storage of motor vehicles (Senate, No. 2452);
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, in concurrence.

House bills
Relative to the sale of children’s jewelry (House, No. 253); Id.
Increasing the annual stipend for members of the Commonwealth’s hazardous material response teams (House, No. 645) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to special police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 3885);

Establishing a pulmonary hypertension task force (House, No. 4121);
Designating a certain bridge in the city of Boston as the Navy Cross Recipient PFC Alvin Richard Gale, USMC Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4153); and

Relative to preservation of evidence for victims of rape and sexual assault (House, No. 4364);

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.

The Senate Bill preventing animal suffering and death (Senate, No. 2369) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Animal suffering.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Dooley of Norfolk moved to amend it by striking out section 7; and the amendment was rejected.

The same member then moved to amend the bill in section 7, in line 36, by inserting after the word “violation” the words “, if an animal control officer contacted by either of these agencies in response to a violation of this section is unresponsive or unavailable”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2369, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Boston,—
homeowners.

The House Bill concerning long-term homeowners in the city of Boston (House, No. 3200) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of bill with the same title (House, No. 4571).

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,—

Next
sitting.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton then moved that when the House adjourn, it do so in respect to the memory of John H. Flood, a member of the House from Canton from 1981 to 1990, inclusive, and Norfolk County Sheriff from 1996 to 1999, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.