

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, August 8, 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.

Appointment to a Special Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Mr. Mariano of Quincy to the special commission established (under Section 9 of Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2016) to review variation in prices among healthcare providers. Healthcare price variation.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Michael Joseph Hurley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Michael Hurley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Ian Patrick Morris on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Ian Morris.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Nathan Michael Weidman on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Nathan Weidman.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Raymond Douglas Wilschek on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Raymond Wilschek.

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. Roy, 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 Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of said report were forwarded, as requested by the bureau, to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development], was sent to the Senate for its information. Insurance Fraud Bureau.

Annual and Special Reports.

State Ethics Commission. The annual report of the State Ethics Commission (under Section 2(l) of Chapter 268B of the General Laws) relative to the actions taken by said commission, the names and salaries and duties of all individuals in its employ and the money it has disbursed for the fiscal year 2015; and

Animal cruelty. A report of the special task force established (under Section 5 of Chapter 293 of the Acts of 2014) relative to a complete systematic review of the laws pertaining to animal cruelty and protection; Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Middlefield,—superintendent of streets. Representative Kulik of Worthington and Senator Downing presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4575) of Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) that the town of Middlefield be authorized to appoint a superintendent of streets for said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Firearms,—manufacture and sale. By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo, Kevin J. Kuros and James J. Lyons, Jr., relative to the manufacturing and sale of firearms.

Assault weapons,—definition. By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo and others for legislation to further define assault weapons. Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

Southwick,—David A. Ricardi. A Bill authorizing the town of Southwick to continue the employment of police chief David A. Ricardi (Senate, No. 2189, amended in lines 8 to 14, inclusive, by striking out the two sentences contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of David A. Ricardi under said chapter 32 for service subsequent to September 19, 2016 and upon retirement David A. Ricardi shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that to which he would have been entitled had he retired on September 19, 2016.") (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

West Springfield,—mayor. Report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4433) of Michael J. Finn (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to establish four year terms for the office of the mayor, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett.

The same member then moved that the report be amended by substitution of the Bill amending the charter of the town of West Spring-

field to establish a four-year term for the office of Mayor (House, No. 4433), which was read. The amendment was adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. McGonagle, the bill was read a second time and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to improve access to pharmacy services in hospitals (House, No. 1971),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the committee. Hospital,—pharmacy

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 627, a Bill relative to boater safety to be known as the David Hanson act (House, No. 4574). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Boating safety.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to firefighters (House, No. 1926), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Firefighters.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to protect little lungs (House, No. 1976), ought to pass. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Cars, etc.,—smoking.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills
Relative to a certain residential tax exemption in the city of Chelsea (see Senate, No. 2268); and Bills enacted.

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

(Which severally originated in the Senate);
Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and it were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills
Relative to firefighters in the town of Concord (House, No. 3878);
Relative to the town manager in the town of Tewksbury (House, No. 3893); Third reading bills.

Increasing the exemption for residential property in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4216);

Authorizing the town of Littleton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises (House, No. 4453); and

Designating a certain boat launch in the town of Somerset as the William and Harold Meehan Memorial Boat Launch (House, No. 4538);

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,—

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sitting.

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

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.