

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 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).

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.

Silent Prayer.

Eugene Barden.

At the request of Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Eugene Barden of Swampscott. Mr. Barden served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1956, and was stationed in Germany. He was a Town Meeting Member for 50 years, a member of the Planning Board and Chairman for 18 years; and served on the Earth Removal Committee and was Chairman for 12 years. He was also on the Bylaw Study Committee and a Cub Master. He was a good man and stalwart of local involvement in the town of Swampscott.

Resolutions.

Bladder Health Month.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Miss Gregoire of Marlborough and other members of the House) commending Urology Care Foundation for recognizing November 2016 as "Bladder Health Month", were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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

Communication.

CEDAC,—annual report.

A communication from the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (see Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of said corporation for the fiscal year 2015, was placed on file.

Reports of Committees.

Opiate overdoses,—call logs.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Thomas P. Walsh, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to establishing a daily log of all responses to calls for assistance relating to opiate overdoses. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to designate a certain intersection in the town of Bridgewater as the as the Bryan K. McSheffrey corner. To the committee on Transportation.

Bridgewater,—McSheffrey corner.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1000 and House, Nos. 1683, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1731, 1743, 1746, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1777, 1778 and 1781, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning labor and workforce development issues (House, No. 4604) [Representatives McKenna of Webster and Orrall of Lakeville dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Labor and Workforce Development,—study.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Reports

Of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) on the recommitted petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of Susannah M. Whipps Lee (by vote of the town) that the town of Orange be authorized to exempt the position of police chief from certain provisions of the civil service law;

Orange,—police chief.

Of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4465) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Boylston be authorized to continue the employment of police chief Anthony Sahagian; and

Boylston,—Anthony Sahagian.

Of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4476) of David T. Vieira and Timothy R. Madden (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance paid to John R. Busby, Jr., a police officer of said town;

Falmouth,—John R. Busby, Jr.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the reports were considered forthwith.

Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the report, the petitions were recommitted, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the special police officer in the city known as the town of Weymouth (House, No. 4527) [Local Approval Received].

Weymouth,—special police officers.

Grafton,—
civil service
exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4572, a Bill exempting all ranks of sworn police officers in the town of Grafton Police Department from the provisions of civil service law (House, No. 4603) [Local Approval Received].

Westwood,—
property
tax.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the assessment of local property taxes in the town of Westwood (House, No. 4573) [Local Approval Received].

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

Emergency Measures.

State Police
Museum and
Learning
Center.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton for the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center (see House, No. 3973, 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

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.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville (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.