

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 8, 2015.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Nangle of Lowell 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. Nangle), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

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

Melrose,—
anti-violence.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brodeur of Melrose) commending Melrose Alliance Against Violence, Inc. on their twentieth annual walk and candlelight vigil;

Mendon Fire
Department.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) celebrating the ninetieth anniversary of the Mendon Fire Department;

Library
commissioners.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) celebrating the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners;

Worcester,—
women's
history.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Mahoney of Worcester, O'Day of West Boylston, Keefe of Worcester, Campanale of Leicester and Donahue of Worcester) commending Worcester Women's History Project, Inc., on their twentieth anniversary;

Arthur
and Diana
Budge.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muratore of Plymouth) congratulating Arthur and Diana Budge on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary; and

Elizabeth
Seton
Residence.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring the Elizabeth Seton Residence on the occasion of its thirty-fifth anniversary;

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

Petitions.

Rochester,—
town
meeting.

Representative Straus of Mattapoisett and Senator Rodrigues presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3803) of William M. Straus and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) for legislation to validate certain actions taken at the annual town meeting held in the town of Rochester; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Police,—
gun fees.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:
By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to license to carry fees for active duty law enforcement officers.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux and Chris Walsh relative to juvenile sex offender registration. Sex offenders,—registration.
Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

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 petition of Garrett J. Bradley, James M. Murphy and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to designate a certain traffic island in the town of Hingham as the Frank Massa memorial island. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Hingham,—traffic island.

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

Senate bills

Providing for an increase in the membership of the board of selectmen for the town of Brimfield to 5 members (Senate, No. 22, changed) [Local Approval Received]; Brimfield,—selectmen.

Establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Athol (Senate, No. 32) [Local Approval Received]; Athol,—liens.

Regarding group health insurance for eligible employees and retirees in the town of Carver (Senate, No. 1921) [Local Approval Received]; and Carver,—health care.

Authorizing the town of Mount Washington to establish, own and operate broadband infrastructure and services and to issue bonds or notes therefor (Senate, No. 1978) [Local Approval Received]; and Mount Washington,—bonds.

House bills

Relative to veterans' grave markers (House, No. 1306); Grave markers.

Relative to the safety of courthouses and remote court proceedings (House, No. 1518); Court proceedings.

Concerning long-term homeowners (House, No. 3200) [Local Approval Received]; Boston,—tax deferral.

Relative to members of the city council for the city of Lawrence (House, No. 3601) [Local Approval Received]; Lawrence,—city council.

Relative to the school committee for the city of Lawrence (House, No. 3604) [Local Approval Received]; Lawrence,—schools.

Enhancing the volunteer service tax reduction for seniors (House, No. 3780); and Seniors.

Relative to reducing tax burden on property owners (House, No. 3781); Property taxes.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3760) of David M. Nangle and others relative to municipal banking laws,—Municipal banking laws.

Municipal
banking
laws.

and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Open space,—
study.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill establishing a commission on open space and green space (House, No. 643), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Shirley Brathwaite, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 3705, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Melrose,—
liquor
license.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the city of Melrose to grant licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3713, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to convey certain land (House, No. 3599), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bedford,—
liquor
license.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Bedford to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3712) (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 a bill with the same title (House, No. 3802), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Nangle of Lowell being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.