

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, October 22, 2015.

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

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Heroux of Attleboro, Poirier of North Attleborough and Roy of Franklin) congratulating Brandon McKearney on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Brandon  
McKearney.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Chief Vincent C. Alfano on the occasion of his retirement from the Bolton Police Department; Vincent  
Alfano.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Ultrino of Malden, Donato of Medford and Brodeur of Melrose) congratulating George H. Burgess on forty-three years as a scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 603 of Malden; and George  
Burgess.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vega of Holyoke) honoring Carl Eger, Jr., on the occasion of his being named the William G. Dwight Award winner by the Holyoke Rotary Club; Carl  
Eger, Jr.

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. Vieira of Falmouth, 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. González of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3818) of Carlos González (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to enter into an agreement with Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club for the operation of a community rowing and boating center at North Riverfront Park; and Springfield,—  
boating  
center.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3819) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of North Reading be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in said town for general municipal purposes; North Reading,—  
municipal  
land.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.  
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Joseph  
LoConte,—  
sick leave.

Mr. Madaro of Boston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian Madaro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joseph LoConte, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Reports of Committees.*

Eric  
Burton,—  
sick leave.

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 Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Eric Burton, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Asperger  
syndrome and  
autism.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program for adults with Asperger syndrome and autism (House, No. 74). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Ocean  
acidification,—  
study.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 716 and 765, a Resolve creating a special commission to study the effects of coastal and ocean acidification and its existing and potential effects on species that are commercially harvested and grown along the Massachusetts coast (House, No. 716).

Recreational  
land,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the administration of services to state owned forest and recreational lands in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3240).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Disabled,—  
employment.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to promote employment for people with disabilities (House, No. 86).

Contractors,—  
registration.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to streamlining home improvement contractor registration (House, No. 261, changed in section 4, in line 20, by striking out the year "2015" and inserting in place thereof the year "2016").

Farms,—  
viability.

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to promote farm viability (House, No. 712).

Olmsted  
Park,—  
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3238, a Bill establishing the Olmsted Park improvement fund (House, No. 3821).

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

*Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Vickie Myers, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 51, 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. Vickie Myers,—  
sick leave.

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 2 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. Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to commitments of persons found incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of mental illness (see House, No. 3672, 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. Mental illness,—  
commitments.

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 2 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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill  
re-enacted.

*Engrossed Bills.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kenneth Bascomb, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2009) (which originated in the Senate), 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. Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Watertown to increase the exemption for certain residential real property (see House, No. 3586) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Id.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing a department of public works in the town of Abington (Senate, No. 1996) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third  
reading  
bill.

## House bills

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the town of Orleans to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 3664) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown by adding additional alternate members on certain boards (House, No. 3682);

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,—

Next  
sitting.

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

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At half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Bradley of Hingham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.