

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 23, 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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton and other members of the House) recognizing small businesses for their vital contributions to local communities and the state of Massachusetts, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Small businesses.

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

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (under Section 6C of Chapter 20 of the General Laws) submitting the priorities from the council's ongoing work related to the Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan, was placed on file. Local Food Action Plan.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4737) of Paul Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert certain seasonal liquor licenses to annual licenses and grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Salem,—liquor licenses.

By Representative Cronin of Easton and Senator Brady, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4738) of Claire D. Cronin, Michael D. Brady and others (by vote of the town) relative to ratification of certain bylaws of the town of Easton; and Easton,—bylaws.

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4739) of Ronald Mariano and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to facilitating urban redevelopment in the city of Quincy; Quincy,—redevelopment.

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

Celina Dias Pendexter,— sick leave.

Mr. Markey of Dartmouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Celina Dias Pendexter, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Senate bills

Ellen Story Commission.

Designating the commission on postpartum depression as the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression (Senate, No. 2458) (on a petition); and

Abington,— charter.

Relative to the town charter of Abington (Senate, No. 2496, amended in section 3, in line 851, by striking out the words “incapacity, other than temporary illness,”) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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 following petitions:

Robert E. Hackett,— sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kate D. Campanale and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert E. Hackett, an employee of the Department of Revenue; and

Three Rivers Fire District,— Michael Matthieu.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Todd M. Smola and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to authorize the Three Rivers Fire District to continue the employment of Michael Matthieu;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Lynnfield,— train culverts.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to train culverts in the town of Lynnfield. To the committee on Transportation.

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

Winthrop,— deputy chief of police.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill exempting the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Winthrop from the civil service law (House, No. 4724) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill relative to the charter of the town of Sutton (Senate, No. 2502) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sutton,— charter.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Woburn to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4708) [Local Approval Received];

Woburn,— liquor license.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant an easement to the town of Grafton over a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 2427, 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.

Grafton,— land.

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 3 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and Senate to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for nondiscrimination in access to organ transplantation (see House, No. 4332, amended) (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.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Theresa Casey, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4729), 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.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Hua Tan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4728), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Third reading bills.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of public health, therefore it is hereby

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declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4728, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.