

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 8, 2016.

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

Communication from His Excellency the Governor.

A communication from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Section 9C of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) relative to reductions in certain Executive Branch accounts to address a projected budget shortfall in fiscal year 2017, was spread upon the records of the House; and sent to the Senate for its information. Executive Branch,— budget reductions.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kaufman of Lexington and other members of the House) congratulating the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), Inc. on its fifty years of service to the students of the Commonwealth; METCO.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Louann Jenkins on her retirement from the Acushnet Police Department; and Louann Jenkins.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Sánchez of Boston) honoring the accomplishments and contributions of Eddie Palmieri to Salsa and Latin Jazz in America; Eddie Palmieri.

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.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report summarizing mortality data and statistics for the calendar year 2014, was placed on file. Mortality data and statistics.

Special Report.

A report of the Special Commission on Substance Abuse Misuse and Pain Treatment established (under Section 58 of Chapter 52 of the Acts of 2016) to study the incorporation of safe and effective pain treatment and prescribing practices into the professional training of students, except veterinarian students, that may prescribe controlled substances, was placed on file. Pain treatments and prescribing practices.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Medford,—
liquor
licenses.
By Representative Donato of Medford and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4752) of Paul J. Donato, Patricia D. Jehlen and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to increase the number of licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Medford from twenty five to forty; and

Reading,—
liquor
licenses.
By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4753) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Jason M. Lewis and James J. Dwyer (by vote of the town) that the town of Reading be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and for the sale of wines and malt beverages;

Severally sent to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bolton,—
recall
elections.
The House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Bolton (House, No. 4602), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 2, in lines 22 and 23, striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "Within 24 hours of receipt, the town clerk shall submit the petition to the board of registrars of voters of the town and the board of registrars shall immediately certify the number of signatures.". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Lynn
Frith,—
sick leave.
A petition of Marc R. Pacheco and Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lynn Frith, an employee of the Department of Mental Health, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2514) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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:

Lucy
Martinez,—
sick leave.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of José F. Tosado for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lucy A. Martinez, an employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Marie
Visco,—
sick leave.
Petition (accompanied by bill) of James R. Miceli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Visco, an employee of the Department of Public Health. To the committee on Public Service.

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

By Mr. Schmid of Westport, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide service to a parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 4733). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sharon,—
MWRRA.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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 Abington (Senate, No. 2496, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Abington,—
charter.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert E. Hackett, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4740);

Robert
Hackett,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ruth Derfler, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 4750).

Ruth
Derfler,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Francisco Melendez, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 4751).

Francisco
Melendez,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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Relative to special police officers in the city known as the town of Weymouth (see House, No. 4527); and

Bills
enacted.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Freetown as the Senator Joan M. Menard overpass (see House, No. 4628, changed and amended); (Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to municipal contracts in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2225), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
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The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Henry Clodius, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4732), 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.

Everett,—
linkage
fund.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Everett to establish a linkage fee revolving fund (House, No. 3828), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading 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. 4754), 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.