

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, December 23, 2015.

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.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Deborah M. Roussell on the occasion of her retirement from the Fowler School in Maynard; and Deborah Roussell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Andrew Joseph Rosato on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Andrew Rosato.

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

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 200 of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013) submitting the Coastal Erosion Commission's findings, recommendations, and working group reports; and Coastal erosion.

From the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and supplementary data for fiscal year 2015; Merrimack Valley transit.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

The annual report of the Division of Insurance (under sections 4A and 4B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting the annual Home Insurance Report for the calendar year 2014 [copies of the report were forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means, the joint committee on Financial Services and to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth]; and Home Insurance Report.

Reports

Of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 60B(f) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 118 of the Acts of 2013) submitting an estimate of the total amount of new Commonwealth debt that may be prudently authorized for the next fiscal year; and State debt.

Early intervention.

Of the Department of Public Health (see item 4513-1020 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the Early Intervention program report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2016; Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Disabled,—
excise taxes.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Raymond Chang relative to excise tax exemptions for motor vehicles purchased for use by disabled individuals.

Voters,—
registration.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to the automatic registration of eligible voters.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

Logan Airport employees,—
wages.

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 Adrian Madaro and others relative to the wages of certain covered commercial service employees at Logan International Airport. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Elizabeth Browning,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Fernandes of Milford, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Misset Browning, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3913). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, 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:

Senate bills

Estate taxes.

Relative to taxes due upon the death of active duty personnel and the elderly (Senate, No. 1467); and

Plainville.

Establishing a department of public works in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 2037) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Alimatu Lamptey.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alimatu Lamptey, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3873);

Nicole Medina.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Medina, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3874);

Lisa Hershowitz.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Lisa Hershowitz, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3876); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Janaina Euriques, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3900);

Janaina
Euriques.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 871, a Bill to protect access to confidential healthcare (House, No. 3920). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Healthcare,—
confidentiality.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to tenant brewers (House, No. 187).

Tenant
brewers.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 864, a Bill to preserve the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (House, No. 3919).

Motor vehicle
insurance.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill designating the 2nd Sunday in June annually as Massachusetts Race Amity Day (see House, No. 2745, 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.

Order.

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.

Next
sitting.

At eleven 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.