

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 11, 2018.

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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Abundance and Grace, we ask Your blessing upon our House of Representatives and upon all who visit the State House during these days of winter thaw. Prayer.

One of the ways we acknowledge Your abundance and grace is the presence of the symbol of the "Sacred Cod". It was on this day 220 years ago that the wooden likeness of the cod fish, wrapped in an American flag, was paraded from the old State House to this new State House. The cod remains in this Chamber as a reminder of the Commonwealth's continued blessings.

We pay for our fellow citizens who continue to make their living on the seas catching fish and other seafood, thus providing nourishment for people throughout our country and the world.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker and the Minority Leader.

The Speaker announced (under Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) that he had appointed Ms. Kimberly Truong of Woburn to the permanent Commission on the Status of Citizens of Asian Descent; and Asian American commission.

The Minority Leader announced that (under Chapter 325 of the Acts of 2016) he had appointed Representative Poirier of North Attleborough as his designee on the Commission on Malnutrition Prevention Among Older Adults. Elderly malnutrition commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating John Belanger on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; John Belanger.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Ruth Bastille on celebrating her one hundredth birthday; and Ruth Bastille.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Mary D. Coyne on celebrating her eightieth birthday; Mary Coyne.

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. Tucker of Salem, 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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Home insurance. From the Commissioner of Insurance (see sections 4A and 4B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting the 2016 Annual Home Insurance Report of the Division of Insurance [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Financial Services and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, as required by said law]; and

Id. From the Commissioner of Insurance (see sections 4A and 4B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting statistical supplements to the 2016 Annual Home Insurance Report [copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Financial Services, as required by said law]; Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

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Economic empowerment. Of the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund (under Section 35QQ of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2017;

Performance management and oversight. Of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (under Section 4 of Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010) submitting its annual reports for the Office of Performance Management and Oversight for the fiscal year 2017;

Reports

Cape & Islands District,— wiretaps. Of the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2017; and

Norfolk District,— wiretaps. Of the District Attorney of Norfolk County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2017; Severally were placed on file.

Initiative Petitions.

Paid family and medical leave. Initiative petition of Christina Barnes and others for the passage of An Act establishing a paid family and medical leave insurance program (House, No. 4110) (received on January 3, 2018, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Minimum wage,— increase. Initiative petition of Elizabeth A. Warren and others for the passage of An Act raising the minimum wage (House, No. 4111) (received on January 3, 2018, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Patient safety and hospital transparency. Initiative petition of Patricia K. Duffy and others for the passage of An Act relative to patient safety and hospital transparency (House, No. 4112) (received on January 3, 2018, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth,

having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the committee on the Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Initiative petition of Donna Kelly-Williams and others for the passage of An Act relative to patient safety and hospital transparency (House, No. 4113) (received on January 3, 2018, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution) and as ordered by the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County (Williams, et al. v. Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth, No. SJ-2017-0339, December 13, 2017), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Patient safety and hospital transparency.

Initiative petition of Jon B. Hurst and others for the passage of An Act relative to reducing the burden of sales and use taxes and requiring a sales tax free weekend (House, No. 4114) (received on January 3, 2018, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Sales tax.

Initiative petition of Matthew W. Patsky and others for the passage of An Act relative to establishing a citizens commission concerning a constitutional amendment to secure government of the people (House, No. 4115) (received on January 3, 2018, from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, having been transmitted by him to the Clerk of the House of Representatives as required by Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution), was referred, under said Article and Rule 24, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Government of the people,— commission.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Robert M. Koczera relative to the fees for shellfishing permits for veterans. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Veterans,— shellfishing permits.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carolyn C. Dykema relative to juvenile bail notification. To the committee on the Judiciary. Bail notification,— juveniles.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel Cullinane for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Zelpha Bennett, an employee of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. To the committee on Public Service. Zelpha Bennett,— sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven Ultrino, Barbara A. L'Italien and others relative to the fees for application for certain drivers' licenses and state identification cards for non-drivers. To the committee on Transportation. Identification cards.

Identification cards. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Veterans,— certification. By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1212) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to emergency medical technician certification of veterans and military medics,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bonding terms. By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4092), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.
Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Dunstable,— park commissioners. By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the Board of Park Commissioners of the town of Dunstable (House, No. 4049) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

East Bridgewater,— tax titles. By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater (House, No. 4064) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.
Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Property valuation. By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:
Relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 4066); and
Establishing a sick leave bank for Gayle Vassallo, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4091);
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, the bills were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Dawn Parmenter,— By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for

Dawn Parmenter, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4090), be scheduled for consideration by the House. sick leave.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the move over law (House, No. 4100), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Move over law.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing the production and preservation of housing for low and moderate income residents (House, No. 3925), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4108) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,710,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending. Housing production.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 835, 1180, 1217, 2455 and 2864, a Bill to protect youth from the health risks of tobacco and nicotine addiction (House, No. 4109). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Tobacco youth.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to allow municipalities to invest in credit unions (House, No. 1123). Municipalities,— credit unions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford relative to town manager, administrative powers and duties (House, No. 4071) [Local Approval Received]. Chelmsford,— town manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the ownership and occupancy deadline for residential property exemptions in the city of Boston (House, No. 4073) [Local Approval Received]. Boston,— exemptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4077) [Local Approval Received]. Ayer,— town clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the appointed office of tree warden in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4078) [Local Approval Received]. Ayer,— tree warden.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the appointed position of treasurer-collector in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4079) [Local Approval Received]. Ayer,— treasurer-collector.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the position of town manager in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4080) [Local Approval Received]. Ayer,— town manager.

Northbridge,—
trust fund. By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the funding of the other post-employment benefits liability trust fund in the town of Northbridge (House, No. 4084) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
commissions. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to boards and commissions of the city of Boston (House, No. 4086) [Local Approval Received].

Ipswich,—
town manager. By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to [sic] town manager in the town of Ipswich (House, No. 4087) [Local Approval Received].

Melrose,—
charter. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing a charter for the city of Melrose (House, No. 4102) [Local Approval Received].

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted. The engrossed Bill relative to the civil service eligibility list for police officers in the city of Quincy (see House, No. 3938), 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.

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 eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.