

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 12, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, having accepted the Office of Chaplain, was present; and prayer was offered by him as follows: Loving God, we thank You for a beautiful day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Prayer.

We pray that the warmth of this day may thaw hearts that have been chilled by fears, pre-occupations and self-centeredness.

We are reminded today of the 105th anniversary of the Bread and Roses Strike in Lawrence. Many of those workers in the mills who felt compelled to take to the streets by their poor wages were women and children.

God, we ask You to help those residents of our Commonwealth who are working women, especially single moms and homeless families. Bless them and their children who struggle to stay healthy and to remain in school.

May Your Spirit guide the work of our legislators today, helping them to keep in mind those who live in poverty.

God Bless our Commonwealth. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from the office of His Excellency the Governor, to wit:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE • BOSTON, MA 02133

January 3, 2017.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with Chapter 127, Section 152 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I submit herewith a report of the exercise of the pardoning power by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016: Governor,—
list of
pardons.

Pardons 0
Commutations 0

Respectfully,

CHARLES D. BAKER,
Governor.

The message (House, No. 57), was read; and it was sent to the Senate for its information.

Appointments to the Temporary Committee on Transportation.

Temporary committee on Transportation,—membership.

The Speaker announced that, there being no objection, he had appointed Representatives Straus of Mattapoisett, Finn of West Springfield, Walsh of Framingham, Gordon of Bedford, Donahue of Worcester, Ryan of Boston, Vincent of Revere, Carvalho of Boston, McGonagle of Everett, Howitt of Seekonk, Muradian of Grafton and Kane of Shrewsbury to the temporary committee on Transportation, established by a joint order adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives on January 4, 2017.

Appointments by the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Cutting and welding, etc.

That Representative Whipps of Athol had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) to study the regulation of cutting, welding and other hot work processes; and

Integrity in government task force.

That Representative Dooley of Norfolk had been appointed as his designee on the legislative commission established (under Chapter 4 of the Resolves of 2016) known as the Task Force on Integrity in State and Local Government.

Resolutions.

Nancy Nelson.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Atkins of Concord) congratulating Nancy Nelson on her retirement, were considered, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, and they were adopted.

Communication.

Youth services.

A communication from the Department of Youth Services (see Section 22 of Chapter 120 of the General Laws) submitting an annual report for calendar year 2015, was placed on file.

Reports.

Retirees,—cost-of-living adjustments.

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States Consumer Price Index for the year 2016 (House, No. 56), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports

Autism Waiver Program.

Of the Department of Developmental Services (under item 5920-3010 of Section 2 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) on the Department's Autism Waiver Program;

Cape and Islands District,—wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands (under the provisions of Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016; and

Of the Secretary for Administration and Finance as required (under Section 23 of Chapter 48 of the Acts of 2014) prior to the execution of certain contracts in furtherance of military installations mission improvements and expansion projects or base realignment preparations and mitigation projects in relation to investments at the Natick Soldier System Center for fiscal year 2017; Severally were placed on file.

Natick Soldier System Center.

Petition.

Representative Campanale of Leicester and Senator Moore presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 55) 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 the same was referred, on motion of Ms. Campanale, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Robert E. Hackett,—sick leave.

Order.

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.

Next sitting.

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