

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

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

Communications.

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From the Chief Justice for Administration and Management of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) relative to the prosecution and disposition of cases involving certain offenses against children for the fiscal year 2016; and Protection of children.

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 6 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 2016) relative to the study on the opportunities for electrification of the state vehicle fleet; State vehicle electrification.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

A report from the Office of the Comptroller (under Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017; and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The annual report from the Chief Justice for Administration and Management of the Trial Court (under Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) relative to the prosecution and disposition of cases involving certain offenses against children for the fiscal year 2017; Protection of children.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4121) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager of the town of Upton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Upton,— town manager.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian Donahue relative to the advertising of prices for motor vehicles. Motor vehicles,— advertising.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian Donahue relative to the preparation of seafood in food establishments. Seafood preparation.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley for an investigation by a special commission (including Child support and alimony.

members of the General Court) relative to the effects of federal tax reform on the Commonwealth's alimony and child support statutes.

Elise Sanchez-Oshea,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elise Sanchez-Oshea, an employee of the Trial Court.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Early education,—
funding.

Of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 255) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to early education funding, and recommending the same be referred to the committee on the Revenue;

Public higher education,—
contracts.

Of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1025) of Thomas M. McGee, Jason M. Lewis, James B. Eldridge, James J. O'Day and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to public higher education collective labor contracts, and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Public Service; and

Children's products,—
chemicals.

Of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1191) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Jay R. Kaufman, Sean Garballey, Michael J. Barrett and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the disclosure of toxic chemicals in children's products, and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Hamilton,—
Patton
Homestead.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2245) of Bruce E. Tarr and Bradford R. Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Hamilton to establish a special fund for the Patton Homestead, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Peter Garofalo,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2253) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Peter Garofalo, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation;

Linda Thernize-Williams,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2251) of Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Linda Thernize-Williams, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and

Donna Janerico,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2252) of James T. Welch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Donna Janerico, an employee of the Department of Revenue.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth O'Brien, an employee of the department of the Attorney General (Senate, No. 2176, amended); and

Elizabeth O'Brien,—
sick leave.

House bills

Relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 507);

Insurance.

Relative to the ownership and occupancy deadline for residential property exemptions in the city of Boston (House, No. 4073) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
exemptions.

Relative to the funding of the other post-employment benefits liability trust fund in the town of Northbridge (House, No. 4084) [Local Approval Received]; and

Northbridge,—
benefits
trust.

Relative to town manager in the town of Ipswich (House, No. 4087) [Local Approval Received];

Ipswich,—
town
manager.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill providing a charter for the city of Melrose (House, No. 4102) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Melrose,—
charter.

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

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, Nos. 341, 1224, 1239, 1264 and House, Nos. 335, 1200, 1223 and 2884, a Bill relative to Alzheimer's and related dementias in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4116). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Alzheimer's
and related
dementias,—
commission.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported that the foregoing bill ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill providing benefits for permanent functional loss and disfigurement under the Worker's [sic] Compensation Act (House, No. 1006). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Workers'
compensation,—
benefits.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to job creation through employee ownership (House, No. 1026) [Representatives McKenna of Webster and Orrall of Lakeville dissenting].

Employee
ownership.

Vocational students.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding educational opportunities for vocational students (House, No. 3157).

United States highway Route 20.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating United States highway Route 20 as a state historic highway (House, No. 4022).

Hudson,—Thibault bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge known as the Washington Street bridge in the town of Hudson as the "Private First Class Kenneth M. Thibault Memorial Bridge" (House, No. 4023).

Fall River,—Ronald Costa bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Ronald Costa bridge (House, No. 4031).

Chelsea,—John Bruttaniti bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Chelsea as the John P. Bruttaniti memorial bridge (House, No. 4072)

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

Emergency Measures.

Gary Erskine,—sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gary Erskine, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see House, No. 3989, 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.

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.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Haverhill,—bridge.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the United States Navy Petty Officer Caitlin E. Trask - Veterans of the War on Terror Memorial Bridge (see House, No. 4025), 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.

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.

Bill enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Concord (see House, No. 3930) (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.

House bills

Authorizing the appointing authority of the town of Mansfield to appoint police cadets to the police department of the town (House, No. 1327) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); Third reading bills.

Relative to the annual observance of Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps Remembrance Day (House, No. 2658); and

Exempting J. Adam Stagno from the maximum age requirement for police officers in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3794) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset (Mr. Linsky of Natick being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute after two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair. Recess.

Reports of Committee.

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

Relative to the town charter of Wareham (Senate, No. 2144) [Local Approval Received]; and Wareham,—charter.

Relative to a Wareham Redevelopment Authority (Senate, No. 2145, amended) [Local Approval Received]; Wareham Redevelopment Authority.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At four minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.