

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 18, 2018.

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).

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

Prayer. Gracious God, we give You thanks for the many blessings our Commonwealth enjoys. We pray today for our elected representatives who serve the six and a half million residents of Massachusetts. May they and their staff listen to the needs of those they serve.

God of Unity and Peace, we give thanks today for the many advances made in communication over the decades. We are mindful of the role our Commonwealth has played in these endeavors.

From a high bluff on the Wellfleet shoreline, it was on this day in 1903, that 29-year-old Guglielmo Marconi sent the first wireless transatlantic message, from President Theodore Roosevelt to King Edward of Great Britain. "Taking advantage of the wonderful triumph of scientific research and ingenuity" Roosevelt said in Morse code.

The real usefulness of this technology became evident when ships became equipped with wireless transmitters and were able to send out and receive Mayday messages. The most famous case was the wireless aided rescue in 1912 of over 700 survivors of the Titanic sinking.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance. 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.

Communication from the Minority Leader.

The following communication from Representative Jones of North Reading, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 10, 2018.

Steven T. James, *House Clerk*
House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Representative Susannah Whipps—committee changes. As you are aware, on or about August 21, 2017, Representative Susannah Whipps voluntarily chose to unenroll as a member of the Republican Party in Massachusetts. Following her un-enrollment, and pursuant to paragraph 3 of Rule 18A of the House Rules, the House Republican Caucus voted to approve that Representative Susannah Whipps be relieved of her appointments to the following committees:

- House Committee on Ethics
- Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery

Joint Committee on Higher Education

I would like to make the following Minority appointments left open by Representative Whipps' vacancies:

- House Committee on Ethics – Representative David [K.] Muradian, Jr. [of Grafton] Committee Appointments.
- Joint Committee on Higher Education – Representative Angelo [L.] D'Emilia [of Bridgewater]
- Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery – Representative Hannah [E.] Kane [of Shrewsbury.]

Sincerely,

BRADLEY H. JONES, JR.,
Minority Leader.

Resolutions.

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

- Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Scott A. Lebeau Jr. on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Scott Lebeau.
- Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Aleksander Pelletier on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Aleksander Pelletier.
- Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Colin Ryder on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Colin Ryder.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hunt of Boston) honoring Margaret Coughlan on her retirement from Eversource; and Margaret Coughlan.
- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vargas of Haverhill) addressing net neutrality protections in the Commonwealth; Net neutrality.
- 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 Ms. Barber of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual Report.

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 2017 compared with such index for the year 2016 (House, No. 4123), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Cost-of-living adjustment,—retirees.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:
By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4124) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to amend the charter of said town; and Chelmsford,—charter.

Shutesbury,—
land.

By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4125) of Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) that the town of Shutesbury be authorized to convey certain land in said town; Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Joseph Loughman,—
sick leave.

Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joseph Loughman, an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Employee safety.

The Senate Bill relative to standards of employee safety (printed as House, No. 3952, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3974, amended) with a further amendment striking out the text contained in House document numbered 3974, amended and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2250. The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Brookfield Housing Authority,—
land.

A Bill authorizing the Brookfield Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land and the building thereon (Senate, No. 2146) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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:

Motor vehicle prices.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian Donahue relative to the advertising of prices for motor vehicles. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Paint,—
recycling.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to the recycling of certain paints. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Mortgages,—
conferencing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul Brodeur relative to the use of video conferencing for certain mortgages. To the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian Donahue relative to the preparation of seafood in food establishments. To the committee on Public Health.

Seafood,—
preparation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul K. Frost and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jason Dobson, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Jason Dobson,—
sick leave.

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

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:

Vocational education.

Expanding educational opportunities for vocational students (House, No. 3157);

Historic highway.

Designating United States highway Route 20 as a state historic highway (House, No. 4022);

Hudson,—
Thibault bridge.

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,—
Costa bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Ronald Costa bridge (House, No. 4031);

Chelsea,—
bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Chelsea as the John P. Bruttaniti memorial bridge (House, No. 4072);

Ayer,—
town clerk.

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4077) [Local Approval Received];

Ayer,—
tree warden.

Establishing the appointed office of tree warden in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4078) [Local Approval Received];

Ayer,—
treasurer, etc.

Establishing the appointed position of treasurer-collector in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4079) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ayer,—
town manager.

Establishing the position of town manager in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4080) [Local Approval Received];

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

Boston Harbor Long and Moon Islands.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Resolve to establish a special commission to perform an investigation and providing for a study relative to the long term management, maintenance and future use of the Boston Harbor Long and Moon Islands (House, No. 397, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Poet laureate.

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 1784).

Architect laureate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the architect laureate (House, No. 1785).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Liberty bell. By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a liberty bell feasibility study (House, No. 1776).

Women's rights,— trail. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail (House, No. 1781, changed in line 15 by inserting after the word "Northampton" the words "and the Ashley House located in the town of Sheffield, MA.").

Cultural highway. By the same member, for the same committee on a petition, a Bill establishing a cultural highway (House, No. 1783).

Resale royalties. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to resale royalties for artists (House, No. 1786).

Disasters,— artists. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a disaster and emergency aid fund for Massachusetts artists (House, No. 1787).

Springfield,— cultural center. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the acquisition of land, the development and construction of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 1789).

Design certification program. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a design certification program for cultural facilities and programming (House, No. 2714).

Agricultural tourism. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an agricultural tourism study commission (House, No. 2715).

Plymouth 400th anniversary. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Plymouth 400th (House, No. 2716).

Arts,— fund. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a Massachusetts percent for arts program (House, No. 2717).

Cultural corridors. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing Massachusetts cultural corridors (House, No. 3405).

Fairhaven,— library. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Millicent Library in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3530).

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

Webster,— land. By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3781, a Bill releasing a restriction on certain property in the town of Webster (House, No. 4122) [Local Approval Received].

Local cultural councils. By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to expand membership opportunities in local cultural councils (House, No. 1782).

Procurement,— artistic services. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to procurement services for artists (House, No. 1788).

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

Quincy,— patriotic city. By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions memorializing the Congress

of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 1922). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dave Ringer, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3947, 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.

Dave Ringer,— sick leave.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to town manager in the town of Ipswich (House, No. 4087), 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.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill exempting Nicholas L. Martone from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the town of North Andover (House, No. 3793), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

North Andover,— Nicholas Martone.

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. 4126), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

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

Next sitting.

Representative Meschino of Hull then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Caroline J. Stouffer, a member of the House from Hingham in 1977 and 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seventeen 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.