

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 25, 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:

God of Stability and Reliance, we ask Your blessing upon the men and women who work in and throughout our State House and especially upon the members of this chamber. Prayer.

God of Artistry, we give thanks for a native son of the Commonwealth who was born on this day in 1936. Don Featherstone was an American artist most widely known for his 1957 creation of the plastic pink flamingo while working for Union Products in Fitchburg. Featherstone resided in Fitchburg where he kept 57 plastic flamingos on his front lawn. He died in 2015.

We pray then for 3rd Worcester District Representative Stephan Hay of Fitchburg and his staff.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, fifth and sixth grade students from the Abigail Adams Middle School in Weymouth. The students were accompanied by their teacher Courtney Bulman. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representative Murphy of Weymouth. Weymouth,—
Abigail Adams
Middle School.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Ethan Gowell Cattanach on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Ethan
Cattanach.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Michael David Kazierad on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Michael
Kazierad.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Brendan Allan Rock on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Brendan
Rock.

Noah Travalent.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Noah A. Travalent on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Benjamin Ninemire.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Benjamin J. Ninemire on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Reports.

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Auditor,— early voting local expenses.

Of the Office of the Auditor of the Commonwealth (under Section 54 of Chapter 110 of the Acts of 2017) submitting the Division of Local Mandates' certified expenses for the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth from the early voting period of 2016; and

DCAMM,— supplier diversity.

Of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (under Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity – Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction report for the fiscal year 2017;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Norfolk,— land.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4148) of Shawn Dooley and Richard J. Ross (by vote of the town) that the town of Norfolk be authorized to convey certain land on Priscilla Avenue in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Haverhill,— utility fines.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4149) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Haverhill be authorized to assess fines for failure to relocate or remove utility poles and wires. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Workforce development center.

Mr. Walsh of Framingham presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to establish a center for workforce development programs for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the Department of Career Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

Forest wardens,— residency.

A petition of Adam G. Hinds and John Barrett for legislation to remove the residency requirement for the appointment of a forest warden, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2270) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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 Sarah K. Peake for legislation to authorize municipalities to offer property tax relief to certain eligible homeowners. To the committee on Revenue. Property taxes.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to designate Route 1, Route 20 and Route 6 as historic United States routes. To the committee on Transportation. Historic routes.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, 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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill designating May 6 as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day (Senate, No. 1723); and Moyamoya disease day.

The House Bill relative to procurement services for artists (House, No. 1788); Artists.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill establishing a community safe school fund (House, No. 1082). Read; and referred under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Safe schools.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance (House, No. 1077). Public nuisances.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the procedure for approval of plans not subject to subdivision control law (House, No. 1083). Subdivision control.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to regional stabilization funds (House, No. 1085). Stabilization funds.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill exempting certain positions of the police department of the town of Adams from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2154), 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, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

House bills
Abolishing the board of license commissioners in the town of Salisbury (House, No. 4029) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and Third reading bills.

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bills.

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

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

Ordered. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (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.