

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. McMurtry of Dedham 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. McMurtry), 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. McMurtry of Dedham), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Boy Scout Troop 142 from Warren. At the invitation of the Chair, Troop 142 participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Smola of Warren. Warren,—
Boy Scout
Troop 142.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 72), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, February 17. Supplemental appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 73), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 16. Municipal roads and bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Alex Bejian on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Alex Bejian.
 Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Jake Cisternelli on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Jake Cisternelli.
 Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Logan DeMaria on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Logan DeMaria.
 Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Samuel Hurvitz on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Samuel Hurvitz.
 Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Christopher Savage on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Christopher Savage.

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. McGonagle of Everett, 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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Insurance
Fraud.

Of the Insurance Fraud Bureau (under Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development]; and

Worcester
district
attorney,—
juvenile
justice.

Of the Office of the Worcester County District Attorney (under Section 32 of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice programs in Worcester County for 2016;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Elizabeth
Traphagen,—
sick leave.

Mr. McMurtry of Dedham presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Traphagen, an employee of the Department of Public Health; 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. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Wrentham,—
liquor
licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 23) of Richard J. Ross and Shawn Dooley (by vote of the town) for legislation to grant 9 additional licenses to the town of Wrentham for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Hingham,—
bathhouse.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 22) of Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to a lease for the bathing beach bathhouse facility and surrounding grounds located on Otis Street in Hingham; and

Milton,—
stabilization
fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 24) of Walter F. Timilty and William Driscoll (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Milton to establish a special purpose stabilization fund;

Severally to the committee Municipalities and Regional Government.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Valencia Hadley, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 70), 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.

Valencia
Hadley,—
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 7 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.

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 twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. McMurtry of Dedham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.