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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 Justice, we pray for the membership of the House and their staff. We give thanks for the many employees at work throughout this historic building.

Prayer.

We remember that on this day in 1638, a ship named Desire arrived in its home port of Salem Harbor with enslaved Africans aboard. This vessel's arrival is the first documented case of slaves imported to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Puritans of the colony were known to have bought, sold, and held enslaved Africans.

According to Mass Humanities, ships left Massachusetts ports with fish to feed the enslaved Africans working on the sugar plantations of the West Indies. Along with the fish, merchants shipped lumber that was used to build barrels in which to ship sugar and molasses back. The vessels returned from the Indies loaded with molasses and often carrying a number of enslaved men and women to be sold in the Bay Colony. The molasses was distilled into rum, some of which was sold locally; and the rest was shipped to Africa and traded for more captured men and women.

By 1700 the black population in the colony numbered about 500 people. On the eve of the Revolution, Massachusetts had over 5,200 black residents, more than any other New England colony. Slavery came to an end in Massachusetts after the Revolutionary War.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Max Buchholz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Max
Buchholz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Theodore Allen Davidson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Theodore
Davidson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating David Nathaniel Kennan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

David
Kennan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Charles Edward Whittlesey on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Charles
Whittlesey.

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. Linsky of Natick, the resolutions (reported by the

committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Golden of Lowell) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Thursday, March 15, 2018 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4149, 4151 and 4222.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4251), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Telecommunication
s, Utilities
and Energy
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9611 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting its report on the After-School and Out-of-School Time Quality Enhancement Grants for the fiscal year 2018, was placed on file.

After and
out-of-school
time grants.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4254) of Colleen M. Garry and Eileen M. Donoghue (by vote of the town) that the town of Tyngsborough be authorized to grant 6 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4255) of Colleen M. Garry (by vote of the town) that the town of Tyngsborough be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tyngsborough,—
liquor
licenses.

Tyngsborough,—
liquor
license.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul A. Schmid, III and Michael J. Rodrigues relative to the retention of animal inspection records. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elliot Brown, an employee of the Department of Public Health. To the committee on Public Service.

Animal
inspections,—
records.

Elliot
Brown,—
sick leave.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brendan P. Crighton and Daniel Cahill that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to grant a certain easement for economic development in the city of Lynn; and

Lynn,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brendan P. Crighton and Daniel F. Cahill for legislation to authorize the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Lynn to the Neighborhood Development Associates, Inc.;

Id.

Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to job creation through employee ownership (House, No. 1026);

Employee owners.

Relative to the procedure for approval of plans not subject to subdivision control law (House, No. 1083);

Subdivision
control.

Relative to law enforcement officers safety act (House, No. 1248); and

Officers safety.

Relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2657);

Law
enforcement,—
payment.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill providing the next of kin of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty with the flags of the Commonwealth and the United States (House, No. 1459).

Line of duty
deaths,—
flags.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employment benefits for Patricia Kannler (House, No. 2514).

Patricia Kannler,—
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the South Shore Charter School to join the State Employees Retirement System (House, No. 2530).

South Shore
Charter School,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employees of the Department of Fire Services (House, No. 2535).

Fire Services,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by contagious diseases, presumption (House, No. 3278).

Contagious
diseases.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firefighter training (House, No. 3289).

Firefighters,—
training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to chapter 15A (House, No. 3302).

Higher education,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to state job postings (House, No. 3620).

State jobs,—
posting.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Bristol County Commissioners to borrow money for the repair, renovation and construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at Bristol County Agricultural School in the town of Dighton (House, No. 4227).

Dighton,—
Bristol County
Agricultural High
School.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to disability benefits (House, No. 2515).

Disability benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (House, No. 2519).

MWRA.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Essie Page, employee of the Massachusetts Parole Board (House, No. 4245).

Essie Page,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the charter of the town of Wareham (see Senate, No. 2144) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Amending the charter of the town of Bourne (see House, No. 3918, amended); and

Establishing a revolving fund in the town of Westborough (see House, No. 3992, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to a Wareham Redevelopment Authority (Senate, No. 2145, amended), 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.

The House Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission studying cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the state fire code (House, No. 4098), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Cutting, welding and hot work processes,—
commission.

Pending the question on passing the resolve to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 2 by striking out the date: “June 30” and inserting in place thereof the date: “August 15”.

The amendment was adopted; and the resolve (House, No. 4098, amended) 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 on Wednesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.