

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 27, 2017.

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 Truth, God of Justice, we pray today for the membership of our House and for their staff. Prayer.

We remember this week the fate of one Roger Scott of Lynn who in the Puritan days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was put on trial 371 years ago for falling asleep during church services. He was charged with the crime of being "a common sleeper at the publick exercise." Found guilty, Mr. Scott was given a severe whipping.

Dear God, we are thankful today for the separation of Church and state and we pray for all who work in this building to keep awake and to remain attentive to their public exercise. We pray especially today for those in the office of the House Counsel who must engage in the sometimes tedious work of crafting in legal language the spirit of proposed legislation.

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 Representatives Kulik of Worthington, Mark of Peru and Whipps of Athol) congratulating the *Recorder* on its two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary; and Recorder.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McKenna of Webster and other members of the House) commending the New England Hemophilia Organization on its recognition of March 2017 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month; Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

February 24, 2017.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
 Room 356, State House
 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate, has announced the appointment of Senator James B. Eldridge (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016) to the Ride for Hire Task Force; and

The Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, has announced the following Leadership and Senate and Joint Committee appointments:

Senate Standing Committees.

RULES. — Senators Humason of Hampden and Hampshire and deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable (the membership of the committee on Rules also being the membership of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, on the part of the Senate).

WAYS AND MEANS. — Senators deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable, Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex and Humason of Hampden and Hampshire.

BONDING, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND STATE ASSETS. — Senators Humason of Hampden and Hampshire and deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable.

ETHICS. — Senators Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

BILLS IN THE THIRD READING. —
 Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. —
 Senator Humason of Hampden and Hampshire.

GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE. —
 Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. —
 Senators O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk and deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable.

POST AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT. — Senators Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

REDISTRICTING. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

STEERING AND POLICY. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

Joint Standing Committees.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. —
 Senator Humason of Hampden and Hampshire.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS. —
 Senator deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE. —
 Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGING
 TECHNOLOGIES. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

EDUCATION. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

ELDER AFFAIRS. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

ELECTION LAWS. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND
 AGRICULTURE. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

FINANCIAL SERVICES. — Senator deMacedo of Plymouth and
 Barnstable.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

HIGHER EDUCATION. — Senator Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and
 Middlesex.

HOUSING. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

THE JUDICIARY. — Senator Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex.

LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. —
 Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

MARIJUANA POLICY. — Senator deMacedo of Plymouth and
 Barnstable.

MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND RECOVERY. —
 Senator Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex.

MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. —
 Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

PUBLIC HEALTH. — Senator Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY. —
 Senator Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex.

PUBLIC SERVICE. — Senator Humason of Hampden and Hampshire.

REVENUE. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT. —
 Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES AND ENERGY. —
 Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. —
 Senator deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable.

TRANSPORTATION. — Senator Humason of Hampden and Hampshire.

VETERANS AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS. —
 Senator Humason of Hampden and Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Ride for Hire
 Task Force.

Senate
 Minority
 Leader
 committee
 appointments.

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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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At four 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.