

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 2, 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 Compassion and Concern, we ask Your blessing upon all the many men and women who are employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We give thanks today for educators, especially those who reach out to children and adults who face any sort of educational challenge. Prayer.

For today is the 188th anniversary of the beginnings of what is now known as the Perkins School for the Blind. Shortly after its incorporation, the Massachusetts Legislature appropriated a large sum of money to help the innovative school develop. As the then-Perkins Institute grew in size, author Charles Dickens recognized the school's creative methods in his book *Notes on America*. This book was read in Alabama by a woman named Kate Keller whose daughter Helen contracted a fever at age 18 months, leaving the little girl blind and deaf.

Perkins School graduate, Annie Sullivan was sent to tutor Helen Keller. Eventually the pair lived and studied together here at the Watertown campus. Helen Keller went on to become one of the 20th century's most inspiring persons.

We give thanks for this pioneering institution and for its many alumni, as well as its current educators and students.

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.

### *Appointments to an Advisory Panel.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Kevin O'Reilly of Plymouth and Pine DuBois of Kingston to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel established (under Section 14 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016) to serve in an advisory capacity in regards to the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Balsler of Newton, Khan of Newton and Lawn of Watertown) commending Josephine McNeil on the occasion of her retirement; Josephine McNeil.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hecht of Watertown) congratulating Agnes Rogan Jackson on her one hundredth birthday; Agnes Jackson.

Nicholas Portanova. Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton, Rogers of Norwood, McMurtry of Dedham and Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Nicholas Portanova on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Haakon Lund. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Haakon Lund on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicholas Marshall. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Nicholas Marshall on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Noah Pressley. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Noah Pressley 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 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.

#### Communications.

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Preschool Expansion Grant Program. From the Department of Early Education and Care (see item 3000-6025 of Section 1B of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the status of the Massachusetts Preschool Expansion Grant Program, including information on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative planning grants; and

Pension Forfeiture. From the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission submitting an interim report of the Special Commission on Pension Forfeiture established (under Section 151 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) to review the decision of the Supreme Judicial Court in *Public Employee Retirement Admission Commission v. Edward A. Betten-court*, 474 Mass. 60 (2016);  
Severally were placed on file.

#### Reports.

Early Education and Care. The annual report of the Department of Early Education and Care (under Section 3(g), 4, 5, 10 and 13(d) of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) for the year 2016; and

Early Intervention. A report of the Department of Public Health (under item 4513-1020 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the Early Intervention program report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2017;  
Severally were placed on file.

#### Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Liquor—discounts. By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel Cahill relative to discounted prices for alcoholic beverages.

Historic routes. By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt for legislation to designate Route 1, Route 20 and Route 6 as historic United States routes.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry, John J. Lawn, Jr., and Jose F. Tosado that the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development be authorized to investigate whether motor vehicle manufacturers are complying with certain provision of the automotive "Right-to-Repair Act", so called.

By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Visco, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron Michlewitz relative to the composition of the Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee.

By Mr. Mom of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rady Mom for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Angeline Lee, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mathew J. Muratore relative to the investment of funds by fraternal benefit societies.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Yarmouth as the George Allaire memorial bridge.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

#### Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2035) of Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide property tax exemptions for certain nonprofit senior housing in Boxford, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

A petition of Richard J. Ross and Elizabeth A. Poirier for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ann Barry, an employee of the Division of Professional Licensure, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the temporary Senate committee on Ways and Means.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2036) was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

#### Order.

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

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.

Right to repair,—compliance.

Marie Visco,—sick leave.

Port Authority Advisory Committee.

Angeline Lee,—sick leave.

Fraternal investments.

Yarmouth,—Allaire bridge.

Boxford,—property excise.

Ann Barry,—sick leave.

Next sitting.