

### JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 6, 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:

Loving God we pray for the membership of our House and for the many people who work here. We pray especially today for the Sergeant-at-Arms and his court officers. May they continue to provide courteous assistance to all who enter this Chamber.

We remember that yesterday was the 247th anniversary of the Boston Massacre. The killing of five civilians by British soldiers was used by Sam Adams and the Sons of Liberty as a rallying cry against the tyrannical rule and practices of the crown against the colonists in Massachusetts and beyond.

In time, the soldiers were successfully defended in court by a young John Adams, a cousin of Sam Adams.

In truth there was a growing hostility between laborers like Crispus Attucks who vied for employment with British soldiers on leave in Boston. There was a growing air of hostility and frequent fights between these two groups and the animosity came to a head on March 5th, when a large crowd of colonists surrounded one soldier on duty near the Customs House. Soon other soldiers came to his rescue. In the chaos of shouting and pushing the soldiers heard the word "fire" and they discharged their weapons into the mob.

The killing proved to be an alarm for many colonists and helped move some toward favoring independence. We honor the memory of Crispus Attucks, Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick and Patrick Carr, a recent immigrant from Ireland, who are buried in the Old Granary Burial site on Tremont Street, close to where they died.

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.

#### Appointments to a Special Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representatives Kocot of Northampton, Scibak of South Hadley and Smola of Warren to the special commission established (under Chapter 6 of the Resolves of 2016) to investigate and report on the preservation of Polish culture and history in the Pioneer Valley.

#### Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough and Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Chief Mark Francis Leonard on the occasion of his retirement, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

#### Communication.

A communication from the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registry Technological Fund [copies of said communication were forwarded, as required under said law, to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight], was placed on file.

Norfolk County Registry,— technological fund.

#### Petitions.

Mr. Galvin of Canton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to penalties for manufacturing, distributing, dispensing or possessing certain controlled substances; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Controlled substances,— penalties.

The same member, 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. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robin Ouellette, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Robin Ouellette,— sick leave.

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. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louise Grabowski for legislation to establish a framework for consumer electricity rate savings and to make certain other changes in law.

Electricity costs.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gerard Cassidy and Michelle M. DuBois relative to creditable service for school business administrators.

School business administrators.

By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron Vega and others relative to the excise imposed upon sales for capital investments to small businesses.

Small businesses,— taxes.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Pioneer Valley,— polish heritage.

Mark Leonard.

*Reports of Committees.*Chris  
Grammaticas.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Chris Grammaticas (House, No. 785).

Paul  
Geraghty.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to a sick leave bank for Paul Geraghty, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 905).

Lucy  
Martinez,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lucy A. Martinez, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 965).

Hua Tan,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Hua Tan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1419).

Iqbal  
Shahzad,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Iqbal Shahzad, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1458).

Elizabeth  
Traphagen,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Traphagen, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1464).

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

*Order.*Next  
sitting.

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.

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At fourteen 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.