

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 9, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Ultrino of Malden 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 Creativity, God of Strength, we pray today for our House members and for the many visitors to our state capital. We pray especially today for women who serve our Commonwealth as elected officials. Yesterday the citizens of our Commonwealth joined millions throughout the world in celebrating International Women's Day.

Here in this state, we remember that yesterday March 8 also marked the day that in 1870 Sophia Smith endowed her namesake college. Smith College in Northampton has been a leading educational institution in liberal arts. Sophia Smith believed that by giving women access to higher education, "what are called their 'wrongs' will be redressed, their wages will be adjusted, their weight of influence in reforming the evils of society will be greatly increased."

We are thankful today for all the graduates of Smith College and for the contributions its alumni have made for Massachusetts and the United States.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Ultrino), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enabling the Commonwealth's administration of the Massachusetts Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (House, No. 2777), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, March 8.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. 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 Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Keith Thomas Brockway on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Hunter Lee Gregory on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Scott Sirri.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Scott Bethel Sirri on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Mary Erickson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Mary Catherine Erickson on receiving the Gold Award of the Girl Scouts of the United States 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 Mr. Smola of Warren, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the following order was adopted,—

House Counsel appointed.

Ordered, That, the House ratify the House committee on Rules appointment of James C. Kennedy as Counsel to the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 51 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

Communications.

The following communication was read and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

March 8, 2017.

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

House Counsel appointed.

I write to notify you that, pursuant to Section 51 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, the committee on Rules on the part of the House, established pursuant to an order adopted by the House on February 2, 2017, has voted unanimously to appoint James C. Kennedy of Milton as Counsel to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM C. GALVIN, *Chairman,*
House committee on Rules.
State Representative,
Sixth Norfolk District.

Communications

Assistance for School Districts and School Regulations,—amendments.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see sections 1B, 1J and 1K of Chapter 69 of the General Laws and in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws) soliciting public comment on proposed amendments to 603 CMR 2.00, Accountability and Assistance for School Districts and School Regulations [a copy of the proposed regulations was forwarded to the committee on Education in accordance with a provision of Section 1J(a) of said Chapter 69];

From the commissioner of the Department of Revenue submitting (under Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) its Annual Report of the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force; and

Tobacco Task Force.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2G of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting the final report on the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund;

Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

A report of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under Section 11 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's efforts to maximize non-transportation revenue for fiscal year 2016, was placed on file.

M.B.T.A.—Non-transit revenue.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the teaching of health education in schools.

Health education.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Schlichtman for legislation to increase the speed limit for United States Route 3 from the New Hampshire border to Interstate 95 in the town of Burlington to sixty-five miles per hour.

Route 3,—speed limit.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron Michlewitz, Brian Murray and Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a short term residential rental excise.

Short term rentals,—excise tax.

By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to prohibit the use of state funds to purchase bottled water.

Bottled water,—state funds.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to establishing a low-vision registry and improving access to information for the Commonwealth Registry of the Blind.

Low vision registry.

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

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry, John J. Lawn, Jr., and José 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. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Right-to-Repair Act.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Aaron Vega, Byron Rushing and others relative to the expungement of records of marijuana arrests, detention, convictions and incarceration. To the committee on Marijuana Policy.

Marijuana records,—expungement.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

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| C. Grammaticas. | Establishing a sick leave bank for Chris Grammaticas (House, No. 785); |
| Paul Geraghty. | Relative to a sick leave bank for Paul Geraghty, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 905); |
| Lucy Martinez. | Establishing a sick leave bank for Lucy A. Martinez, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 965); |
| Hua Tan. | Establishing a sick leave bank for Hua Tan, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1419); |
| Iqbal Shahzad. | Establishing a sick leave bank for Iqbal Shahzad, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1458); and |
| Elizabeth Traphagen. | Establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Traphagen, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 1464); |
- Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Order.

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| Next sitting. | On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
<i>Ordered.</i> That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. |
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At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Ultrino of Malden being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.