

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Moran of Boston 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 Courage, God of Hospitality, we pray today for our legislators and for all who work within this edifice. We pray that all who make the journey to visit their elected officials may be greeted warmly and respectfully. We pray too that the hard work of our legislators be respected by those they serve. Prayer.

We pray in this vein because we remember that today is the anniversary of the 1621 visitation by the native American Samoset to the colonists at Plimouth Colony. Samoset greatly surprised the Pilgrims with his ability to converse in English, a skill he learned from his past interactions with a company of Englishmen who had been fishing for cod off the coast of what is now Maine.

Samoset was a sagamore or chieftain of the native Abenaki tribe. He explained to the settlers that the land they were dwelling upon was called Patuxet and that a plague had wiped out all but one native named Squanto whom he brought to the colony days later. The courage of Samoset and the hospitality of the native persons contributed greatly to the colony's survival.

We pray today for those residents of Massachusetts whose heritage and culture include membership in the Wompanoag tribe.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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

Appointment to a Special Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Collins of Boston to the special commission established (under Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) to study the regulation of cutting, welding and other hot work processes. Welding and hot work commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Calter of Kingston) congratulating Colby Anderson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Colby Anderson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Calter of Kingston) congratulating William A. Felix on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; William Felix.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Calter of Kingston) congratulating Luke J. Reid on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Luke Reid.

Andona Society. Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Moran of Lawrence and Lyons of Andover) congratulating Andona Society, Inc. on the celebration of its sixty-fifth anniversary;

Nicholas George. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muratore of Plymouth) congratulating Nicholas F. George on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Taunton area Chamber of Commerce. Resolutions (filed by Representatives O'Connell of Taunton, D'Emilia of Bridgewater, Orrall of Lakeville and Haddad of Somerset) congratulating the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce on its one hundredth anniversary;

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Dedham,—liquor licenses. By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2786) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages; and

Peabody,—liquor licenses. By Representative Walsh of Peabody and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2787) of Thomas P. Walsh, Joan B. Lovely and Theodore C. Speliotis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Peabody be authorized to grant twenty licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises;

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Somerville,—municipal reviews. By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2788) of Christine P. Barber and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities; and

Burlington,—elected positions. By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Donnelly, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2789) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to the eligibility of town meeting members to hold other elected positions in town government of the town of Burlington;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Fall River,—Angela Franco. By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2790) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Fall River Retirement Board be authorized to pay certain retirement benefits to the surviving spouse of Adam Franco. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of James B. Eldridge and Sheila C. Harrington for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cheryl Ramirez, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, came the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Cheryl Ramirez,—sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2041) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 petition of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court. 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.

William Motherway,—sick leave.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 783) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others for legislation to improve permanency and placement stability for children,—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Children,—placement stability.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robin Ouellette, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 2776), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Robin Ouellette,—sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 6 by striking out the words "department paid" and inserting in place thereof the words "extended illness".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2776, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Geraghty, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 905) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

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Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 905, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.