

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., 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).

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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Robert H. Barrows, who passed away Sunday, March 12, surrounded by the comfort of his loving family. Robert was predeceased by his beloved wife of 65 years, Janice (Brown) Barrows and was the father of State Representative F. Jay Barrows. Robert H. Barrows.

Robert was born and raised in Mansfield. He served his country proudly in the Army during the Korean War and was a disabled veteran. After many years of faithful service, he retired from the U.S. Postal Service.

Robert was a former deacon of the Orthodox Congregational Church in Mansfield, a former president and board member of the Spring Brook Cemetery, a member of the Mansfield Elks and a member of the Saint James Lodge of Masons. He also served the town of Mansfield as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Robert is survived by his three children Cynthia, Jay, and Robert as well as nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Statement Concerning Representative Mom of Lowell.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Mr. Mom of Lowell was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Mom of Lowell, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to travel out of the country on March 22, 2017, returning April 1, 2017. The Ambassador to Cambodia, William A. Heidt, extended a formal invitation for Representative Mom to visit Cambodia to help strengthen the cultural ties between Cambodia and the United States. His missing of roll calls today and until April 2nd is due entirely to the reason stated. Statement concerning Mr. Mom of Lowell.

Guest of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess, and introduced Councillor and former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, Criona Ni Dhálaigh. She was the guest of Representative Coppinger of Boston. Criona Ni Dhálaigh.

Communication.

A communication from the District Attorney of Suffolk County (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016, containing an amended version of the report, was placed on file.

Suffolk District Attorney,— wiretaps.

Report.

A report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Section 28 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012 and Section 2FFFF of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the 2016 annual report for the Health Care Workforce Transformation Trust Fund on its activity through September 2016, was placed on file.

Health Care Workforce Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Mr. Mark of Peru presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3449) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Leyden be authorized to continue the employment of Daniel J. Galvis, chief of the police department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Leyden,— Daniel J. Galvis.

Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Keiko M. Orrall and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Monica Bassila, an employee of the Department of Public Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Monica Bassila,— sick leave.

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:

Health care cost growth benchmarks.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to requiring that the health care cost growth benchmark be equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product; and

Mandated healthcare.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for the imposition of a moratorium on the enactment of new mandated health benefits;

Severally to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Kevin Blake,— sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joseph F. Wagner and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kevin Blake, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

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

Municipal roads and bridges,— bonds.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 2783), ought to pass with an amendment in section 2, in lines 14 and 15, by striking out the following: “, which shall be provided by the department to the city or

town not later than April 1 of each year”. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of three o'clock P.M.; and at seven minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Prior to the noon recess, Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 72, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3448) [Total appropriation: \$144,382,350.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill moved to amend it by inserting after section 19 (as published) the following section:

“SECTION 19A. The special legislative commission established by said section 151 of said chapter 133 is hereby revived and continued.”; and

By inserting after section 24 the following three sections:

“SECTION 24A. The special legislative commission established by chapter 4 of the resolves of 2016 is hereby revived and continued.

SECTION 24B. Section 19A shall take effect as of March 1, 2017.

SECTION 24C. Section 24A shall take effect as of March 15, 2017.”.

The amendments were adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yeas and nays No. 22.

[See Yea and Nay No. 22 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 3448, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 2792). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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At twenty-two minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at a quarter after five o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

Supplemental
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The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 3448, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-eight minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.