

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 27, 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:

Prayer. God of Peace, God of Understanding, we pray for the membership of our House of Representatives and for their staff. We are mindful that tomorrow marks the anniversary of the death of the first American citizen in what later became known as World War I.

Leon Thrasher, of the town of Hardwick, was a 31-year-old mining engineer who was on his way to work in what was then called the Gold Coast in British West Africa (today's nation of Ghana). Thrasher drowned along with 104 other souls when a German submarine torpedoed the cargo-passenger ship Falaba on March 28, 1915. Months later, his body washed ashore the coast of Ireland and he was at first thought to be one of the victims of the more-recent sinking of the passenger ship Lusitania.

We are mindful today of the many citizens of our Commonwealth who are currently residing overseas, either serving our country in the military or other governmental capacity or employed by private enterprise. May God keep them safe from all harm. And may God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance. 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.

Resolutions.

Steven Dress. Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) honoring Hazzan Steven W. Dress for his twenty-six years of service to E Temple Israel and his dedication to the Jewish community in Sharon, were referred, under Rule 85, 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. 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.

Communication.

Post Audit and Oversight committee, private gun sales. Communications From the Honorable David Paul Linsky, Chairman of the House committee on Post Audit and Oversight, submitting a report of the House committee on Post Audit and Oversight of the 189th General Court (under the provisions of Section 63 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) entitled: Under the Radar: Massachusetts' Private Gun Sale Loophole (House, No. 3453); and

From the Office of the State Auditor (see Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) providing a status report on a comprehensive review being conducted by said office of the impact on the health care payment and delivery system and on the health care workforce, consumers, and the general public;

Health care payment and delivery.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows: By Representative Cantwell of Marshfield and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Cantwell, Patrick M. O'Connor and others relative to civil liability for improper flood hazard determinations.

Flood hazards, liability.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Finn relative to using driving history as a rating or underwriting factor for private passenger motor vehicle insurance.

Motor vehicle insurance, history.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gary Kellenberger, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2043) (on Senate bill No. 1414), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gary Kellenberger, sick leave.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill creating a sick leave bank for Marie Visco (House, No. 3450). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Marie Visco, sick leave.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robin Ouellette, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 2776, 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.

Robin Ouellette, sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 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.

Orders of the Day.

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2017 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) relative to reorganizing the Department of Public Safety (House, No. 68) [the committee on State Administration and

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2017, Department of Public Safety.

Reorganization
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of 2017,—
Department of
Public Safety.

Regulatory Oversight had reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan Number 1 “ought to be approved” — For majority report, see Senate, No. 2037], was laid aside as moot, on motion of Mr. Nangle of Lowell [the time to act on such Reorganization Plan #1 of 2017 having expired on Sunday, March 26, 2017].

William
Motherway,—
sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Motherway, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 2792), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next
sitting.

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

At twelve minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M.