

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 30, 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 give You thanks this day for the many gifted persons who make this seat of government their workplace. We thank You for those native sons and daughters who have served our nation during times of danger and uncertainty. Prayer.

We remember that today marks the birth anniversary of McGeorge Bundy who was born in 1919 and was raised a few blocks from this State House. In 1961 he became President Kennedy's National Security Adviser and was involved in major moments of world tension including the Cuban Missile Crisis. Few persons are given the important responsibility to oversee the security of this nation.

We pray for those who hold such important positions in the international and national arenas today as well as for those who provide security for the citizens of Massachusetts including the DCR Park Rangers.

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Tribute to State House Ranger Debbie McNamara.

Senator Anne M. Gobi entered the House Chamber, accompanied by four Department of Conservation and Recreation State House Rangers, led by Captain Stephen Owens. The Rangers stood at attention in front of the rostrum, while Senator Gobi stood solemnly in the well of the House. State House Rangers and Senator Anne M. Gobi.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop and all the members of the House, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Debbie McNamara, 54, a native of the town of Spencer. Debbie McNamara.

Debbie was a dedicated longtime employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation who passed away this morning after a long battle with Hodgkin's Disease and multiple upper body cancers.

Debbie was a valued friend of the House of Representatives and all in the State House.

Communications.

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From the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see Section 6 of Chapter 92A½ of the General Laws) submitting a copy of regulations Division of Water Supply and Protection.

Division of Water Supply and Protection. promulgated by the Division of Water Supply and Protection of said department as filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for publication in the February 24, 2017 edition of the Massachusetts Register;

Disabled Persons Protection Commission. From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 of Section 2 Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) detailing by district, the amount of case referrals by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission for fiscal year 2016;

Home and Healthy for Good. From the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (see item 7004-0104 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the March 2017 Home and Healthy for Good progress report; and

Medical Marijuana Trust Fund. From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2K444 of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the Medical Marijuana Trust Fund Annual Report;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Holyoke,—wages. Mr. Vega of Holyoke presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3459) of Aaron Vega and Donald F. Humason, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to prevailing wages in the city of Holyoke; and the same was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Housing. By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Evandro C. Carvalho and others for legislation to further define housing accommodations.

Elizabeth C. Cox,—sick leave. By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth C. Cox, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

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:

Monica Bassila,—sick leave. Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Public Service.

Capital investments,—small businesses. Petition (accompanied by bill) of Aaron Vega and others relative to the excise imposed upon sales for capital investments to small businesses. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then 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:

Cambridge,—land. Authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land used for park, playground or recreation uses for school purposes and for installation

of sub surface geothermal wells (House, No. 1100) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the city of Chicopee to lease a certain building (House, No. 2781) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Visco, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 3450) (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.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 3 by striking out the words “employee of the commonwealth who is related to Marie Visco and any”; and 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 department of public health, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3450, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eleven 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.