

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, May 1, 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:

God of Creation and Beauty, we give You thanks for budding trees and signs of life springing forth during this season. We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this governing body who work to better the lives of Massachusetts citizens.

We remember that it was on this day in 1918, the Mayflower was designated the official state flower. The State Board of Education had surveyed school children throughout the Commonwealth to help determine which flower should be the State Flower. It is sometimes called the Plymouth Mayflower as its spicy fragrance was the first sign to the Pilgrims of the end of their first harsh winter.

The Mayflower prefers to grow in moist, acidic soils in oak woods like those found on Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts. Considered and endangered species, there is a \$50 fine for digging it up.

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.

Resolutions.

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

- Resolutions (filed by Mr. Collins of Boston) congratulating the Babson Men's Basketball team on their 2017 National Championship;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Norfolk County Treasurer Joseph A. Connolly on his retirement;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston) commending the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression on its recognition of Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month;
Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating George Price on the occasion of his retirement;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating principal Robert Griffin on the occasion of his retirement;
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Gerry Miller on the occasion of his retirement; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Zaal Farhad Panthaki of Norwood Boy Scout Troop 49 on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

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. Kafka of Stoughton, the

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

Annual Reports.

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Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2012) relative to divestment from Iran restricted securities;

Iran,—restricted securities.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities; and

Sudan,—restricted securities.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to divestment from companies that derive certain revenues from the sale of tobacco products;

Tobacco,—divestment.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

A petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to authorize the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements in the town of Lanesborough for the purposes of reconstructing a bridge on Narragansett Avenue over Lake Pontoosuc (having been returned by the State Secretary with memorandum relative thereto) was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Lanesborough,—bridge.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Murphy relative to property tax exemptions for surviving parents of certain deceased members of the armed forces; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Armed forces,—tax exemptions.

Papers from the Senate.

Senate bills

Authorizing the town of Milton to establish a special purpose stabilization fund (Senate, No. 24) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Milton,—fund.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ramona Foster, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Senate, No. 2054) (on Senate bill No. 2042);

Ramona Foster,—sick leave.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 643) of Jason M. Lewis, Harriette L. Chandler, James T. Welch, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote public health through the prevention and wellness trust fund,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Public Health,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Public health,—prevention and wellness trust.

Sharon J. Nolan,— sick leave.

A petition of Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon J. Nolan, an employee of the Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2057) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

Fraternal societies,— investments.

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 Mathew J. Muratore relative to the investment of funds by fraternal benefit societies. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Pregnant workers,— rights.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1023 and House, No. 1038, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts pregnant workers fairness act (House, No. 3659).

Low-speed vehicles.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to low-speed vehicles (House, No. 3421).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pamela Dube,— sick leave.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pamela Dube, an employee of the Department of Developmental Disabilities (House, No. 3651).

Lanesborough,— Noonan bridge.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Lanesborough as the Sergeant Gregory Aloysius Noonan Bridge (House, No. 1809).

Amherst,— Ellen Story bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to naming a state-owned bridge in the town of Amherst after Ellen Story (House, No. 1837).

Driving,— hands-free devices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1882, 1892 and 3444, a Bill requiring the hands-free use of mobile telephones while driving (House, No. 3660).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees on Proposals for Legislative Amendments to the Constitution.

Initiative petitions.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 12) of Cynthia S. Creem for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions,— reported, in accordance with a

provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition, ought to pass [Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 65) of Byron Rushing and Denise Provost for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition, ought to pass, with an amendment, substituting therefor a proposal with the same title (Senate, No. 2055).

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Election Laws, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 11) of James B. Eldridge for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see Senate, No. 11), ought NOT to pass [Senators Jehlen and Fattman dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 59) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to creating an independent redistricting commission,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 59), ought NOT to pass [Senators Jehlen and Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 60) of Jay R. Kaufman for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to vacancies in the office of Governor or Lieutenant-Governor,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 60), ought NOT to pass [Representatives Hecht of Watertown and Lombardo of Billerica dissenting].

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 13) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for term renewal process,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see Senate, No. 13), ought NOT to pass [Senator Ross dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 14) of Richard J. Ross, Citizens for Limited Taxation and Steven S. Howitt for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to prohibit eminent domain,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see Senate, No. 14), ought NOT to pass [Senators Jehlen and Ross and Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 61) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to term limits for judges,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 61), ought NOT to pass [Senator Ross dissenting].

Initiative petitions.

Redistricting,— independent commission.

Id.

Governor or Lieutenant-Governor,— vacancies.

Term renewal process.

Eminent domain.

Judges,— term limits.

Eminent domain.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 62) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 62), ought NOT to pass [Senators Jehlen and Ross dissenting].

Corporations,— rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 63) of Paul W. Mark and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to declare rights afforded to the human inhabitants of the Commonwealth are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies or any other corporate entities,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 63), ought NOT to pass [Senators Creem, Jehlen and Keenan and Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting].

Lieutenant-Governor,— vacancies.

By the same member, for the same committee, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 64) of Paul W. Mark for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to define the succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant-Governor,— reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23, recommending that the amendment proposed by said petition (see House, No. 64), ought NOT to pass [Senator Ross dissenting].

The reports were severally read and placed on file, in accordance with the requirements of said rule.

Rainy day funds,— utilization.

Report of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 15) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds,— under the provisions of Joint Rule 23, was placed on file, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Paula Daggett,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Daggett, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2038) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in the adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Third reading bills.

Relative to the membership of the Millbury Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 1101); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda May, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3455);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

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