

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Met at eight minutes after 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 Majesty, God of Beauty, we give You thanks for the ability to celebrate Your presence in and throughout our Commonwealth. We pray today for our House members and staff; guard them and protect them. Prayer.

We honor today the anniversary this upcoming weekend of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first black regiment from the North. It was 154 years ago that they paraded in full dress uniform on nearby Boston Common. Crowds cheered as 1,007 black soldiers and 37 white officers passed in review. After ceremonies at the State House, they marched to Battery Wharf and boarded steamships for South Carolina. Just seven weeks later, 74 men and their commanding officer, Robert Gould Shaw, were killed in a heroic assault on Fort Wagner.

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.

Statement of Representative Rogers of Norwood.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood 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 I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting due to being in Washington, D.C. meeting with my district's federal delegation on official business for my district. Had I been present yesterday, I would have voted in the following manner: Statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood.

Roll Call 60 to refer H3034 to House Ways and Means, NO.

Roll Call 61 on engrossment of H3718 making appropriations for the fiscal year 2017, YES.

Roll Call 62 on Mr. Jones' amendment, NO.

Roll Call 63 on sustaining the rule of the chair, YES.

Roll Call 64 on Mr. Lyons' motion to adjourn, NO.

Roll Call 65 on engrossment of H3034, YES.

My missing of roll calls yesterday was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

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

Keith Billian. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Keith S. Billian on a lifetime of service to the town of Wrentham, Wrentham Elementary Schools, and the King Philip Regional School System;

Neponset River Watershed. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Galvin of Canton and other members of the House) congratulating the Neponset River Watershed Association, Incorporated on its fiftieth anniversary;

Thomas Rosiello. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) recognizing Reverend Thomas Rosiello for his service to the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton;

Kevin Luz Santos. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Kevin Luz Santos for receiving a Portuguese Heritage Award from the Portuguese-American Legislative Caucus;

William Furdon. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating William Furdon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William O'Rourke. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating William J. O'Rourke Sr. on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday;

Gun Violence Awareness Day. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vega of Holyoke other members of the House) recognizing June 2nd, 2017 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day;

Joe Fitzpatrick. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Whelan of Brewster) recognizing Joe Fitzpatrick for his twenty years of dedicated service to the town of Brewster; and

Chester Robinson. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Whelan of Brewster) recognizing Chester Robinson for his twenty years of dedicated service to the town of Brewster;

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 Ms. Dykema of Holliston, 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:

High schools,—CPR/AED instruction. By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

Mental health professionals. By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux relative to the definition of licensed mental health professional under certain insurance laws.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

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

Leominster,—unpaid bill. Authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a certain unpaid bill (Senate, No. 1132) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Dean Canada, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2073); and

House bills

Authorizing the Plymouth County retirement board to acquire real property in Plymouth County (House, No. 1334);

Declaring the third Saturday of the month of October as Massachusetts Minutemen and Militia Day (House, No. 1691, changed);

Relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2680); and

Relative to local control of boat excise revenue (House, No. 3667); and

The House Resolve relative to the commemoration of Governor James and General John Sullivan (House, No. 2676);

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District agreement (House, No. 2859). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of streets in the town of Middlefield (House, No. 1119); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ruth A. Centola, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3695);

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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.