

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, June 12, 2017.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Moran of Boston 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 Strength and Resiliency, we thank You for Your spirit of communal support that is present in our Commonwealth and for Your spirit of co-operation which is always present over this historic Chamber.

On this day we remember the gathering darkness as on this day in 1775, General Thomas Gage, the commander of British military forces in North America and Governor of Massachusetts declared martial law upon the colonists living in and around Boston. Just weeks after the battles in Lexington and Concord, Gage attempted to get the colonists to submit to the crown, by displaying the power of his military forces. His plan backfired as five days later, the resolve of the Bostonians was displayed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

We pray for the same patriotic solidarity of our legislators and citizens of Massachusetts.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Moran), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Guests of the House.

Weymouth,— Abigail Adams School. At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Moran of Boston), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the Abigail Adams School in Weymouth. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth.

Resolutions.

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

George Gagnon. Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating George Gagnon on the occasion of his retirement from the Falls Elementary School; and

Patricia Chambers. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Patricia Chambers for being recognized as a 2017 Unsung Heroine;

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. Wong of Saugus, 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:

Amherst,— voters. By Mr. Goldstein-Rose of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3745) of Solomon Goldstein-Rose (by vote of the town) that the town of Amherst be authorized to enter the names of legal permanent resident noncitizens to the list of voters established by the town clerk of said town. To the committee on Election Laws.

Oxford,— housing board. By Messrs. McKenna of Webster and Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3746) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Oxford be authorized to change the composition of the membership of the housing board of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Motor vehicles,— marijuana. By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to the possession of marijuana or any marijuana derived product in motor vehicles.

Webster,— land. By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a restriction on a certain property in the town of Webster.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Deerfield,— land. The House Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 3670) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws, the town of Deerfield, acting by and through its board of selectmen, may convey to New England Natural Bakers, Inc. a certain parcel of land identified as ‘Lot 2’ on a plan entitled ‘“Subdivision Approval Not Required” Plan of Land in Deerfield, Massachusetts, Prepared for the Town of Deerfield’, dated September 30, 2016 and recorded in the Franklin district registry of deeds at plan book 140 page 41.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Food,— date labels. A report of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 415) of Eileen M. Donoghue, Richard J. Ross, William N. Brownsberger, Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to decrease food waste by standardizing the date labeling of food, 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.

Reports of Committees.

Boston,—
early
education.

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 Nick Collins and Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to fund early education programs through a certain surcharge. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Equine
dentistry.

By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2145) of John W. Scibak relative to equine dentistry,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Prepaid
wireless
services.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2631) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., for legislation to authorize the Department of Revenue to collect a surcharge for 911 services from the end users of prepaid wireless services at the point of sale on each retail sale,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Energy
storage,—
taxation.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2600) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to the taxation of energy storage systems,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Leyden,—
Daniel J.
Galvis.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Leyden to continue employment of police chief Daniel J. Galvis (House, No. 3449) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Veterans,—
waivers.

By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill providing a parks pass waiver for veterans (House, No. 2936).

Paris
Agreement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts participation in the Paris Climate Agreement's Green House Gas Emission Standards (House, No. 3564).

Land,—
covenants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 444, a Bill amending the conservation restrictions and agricultural preservation statutes (House, No. 3744).

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill exempting certain positions in the police department of the town of Millis from the civil service law (Senate, No. 1452) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Millis,—
police.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the city of Chicopee to lease a certain building (House, No. 2781, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Chicopee,—
building
lease.

The House Bill designating the month of June as seatbelt awareness month (House, No. 1716), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Seatbelt
awareness
month.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 4 by striking out the word "June" and inserting in place thereof the word "May"; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act designating the month of May as seatbelt awareness month".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1716, 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.