

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Monday, June 26, 2017.

Met at according to adjournment 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 Beauty and Warmth, we give You thanks for this beautiful weather and for the natural beauty of our Commonwealth. We pray for our legislators and their staff. Prayer.

We give You thanks today for the beautiful small island town of Aquinnah on Martha's Vineyard. Formerly known as Gay Head, residents voted in 1997 to change its name to the original Wampanoag name Aquinnah meaning "land under the hill".

The beautiful red clay cliffs are protected by law; disturbing the clay is illegal. An old lighthouse in town was moved back from the eroding land in 2015 and is enjoyed by visitors and by the town's 300 citizens. Gay Head Light is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We pray for Aquinnah's elected Representative Dylan Fernandes and his staff.

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.

### *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Stephen C. Massey on his retirement from the Foxborough Public School Music Department; Stephen Massey.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) congratulating Andrew Morgan of the town of Easton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; Andrew Morgan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) commemorating the observance of June 27, 2017 as National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day; and Post-Traumatic Stress Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vieira of Falmouth) congratulating Ahmed A. Mustafa on the occasion of his eightieth birthday; Ahmed Mustafa.

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

Communication.

Dukes County Registry,— technology fund.

A communication from the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (pursuant to Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law], was placed on file.

Petitions.

Milford,— water.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows: By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3784) of Brian Murray and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to acquire the Milford Water Company, appoint a board of water commissioners and contract with a water department manager; and

Franklin,— agricultural commission.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3785) of Jeffrey N. Roy, Richard J. Ross and Karen E. Spilka (by vote of the town) that the city known as the town of Franklin be authorized to establish a local agricultural commission;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Massport,— finances.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and others relative to the finances of the Massport Community Advisory Committee.

Philip LeMarbre,— creditable service.

By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian Murray and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to direct the Teachers' Retirement System to grant certain creditable service to Philip M. LeMarbre.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

June 26, 2017.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Room 356, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Committee of conference appointment.

I have the honor to inform you that Senator Viriato M. deMacedo has resigned from the committee of conference of the disagreeing votes on The House Bill to ensure the public health and safety of patient and consumer access to medical and adult use of marijuana in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3776) (having been amended by the Senate by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2097), and Senator Richard J. Ross has been appointed to the vacant position.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,  
Clerk of the Senate.

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 petition of Paul Brodeur that the Massport Employees' Retirement System be directed to grant accidental disability retirement benefits to Jan Witkowski. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Jan Witkowski,— benefits.

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 3775) [Total Appropriation: \$5,150,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

State funds,— emergency expenditure.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 14 and on a part of House, No. 11, a Bill relative to disability placards (House, No. 14).

Disability placards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1894 and 3414, a Bill relative to carriers of property by motor vehicle (House, No. 1894).

Carriers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1900, 2722 and 2729, a Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (House, No. 1900).

School buses,— safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts drivers license information (House, No. 2749).

Drivers license,— emergency contact.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 1841, a Bill designating a portion of Route 3 as the Middlesex 3 highway (House, No. 3782). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Route 3,— Middlesex 3 highway.

*Emergency Measure.*

Paul Geraghty,—  
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Geraghty, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 905, 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.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill enacted.

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.*

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill exempting certain positions in the police department of the town of Millis from the civil service law (Senate, No. 1452), 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, in concurrence.

*Order.*

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair,—

The following order (filed this day by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

First Berkshire Representative District,—  
time for election to fill vacancy.

*Ordered*, That the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the First Berkshire District shall designate, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House bill printed in House, No. 3775) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next sitting.

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

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At thirteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.