

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, July 3, 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).

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.

Silent Prayer.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and addressed the House as follows:

“We begin today’s session on a somber note as we mourn the loss of Commissioner Mitchell Chester, a dedicated public servant who worked tirelessly to improve educational opportunities for all children in the Commonwealth. Commissioner Mitchell Chester.

Commissioner Mitchell was a committed, thoughtful and respectful leader who always carried himself with dignity. Massachusetts’ achievements and successes in public education are a testament to that dedication and we are indebted to him. His passing is a great blow to the Commonwealth.

We send our deepest condolences to his wife, Angela, his children, family, as well as his friends and our colleagues at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.”

The members, guests and employees then rose for a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Commissioner Mitchell Chester.

Annual Reports.

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Of the Division of Banks (under Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) for the year 2015; and Division of Banks.

Of the Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression (under Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) for the fiscal year 2017; Postpartum Depression.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3791) of Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to continue the employment of John La Salle as a call firefighter. To the committee on Public Service. Whately,—
John La Salle.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3792) of Dylan Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to impose a room occupancy tax on vacation and leisure accommodations. To the committee on Revenue. Falmouth,—
room occupancy tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of a Committee.

Boston,—
James
Verderico.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for James Anthony Verderico, Jr. (House, No. 3727) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Lowell,—
land.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the city of Lowell to use certain municipal land for school purposes (House, No. 3564, changed and amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Rehoboth to transfer a conservation easement on a certain parcel of land (House, No. 1102); and

Establishing the first week in August as ice bucket challenge week (House, No. 1697);

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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next
sitting.

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

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