

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 Warmth and Light, we give You thanks for this beautiful day across our Commonwealth. We ask for Your guidance over this body of legislators as they continue to labor over the tasks that face them today. Prayer.

We note that this day, July 5th has not always brought fair weather as it was on this day in 1643 that a tornado struck Essex County. The event was recorded by Governor John Winthrop who noted the storm "lifted up their meeting house in Newbury, the people being in it. It darkened the air with dust.". Thus the first recorded tornado in the United States occurred here in Massachusetts.

We are grateful for today's technology that provides warnings for severe weather.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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 Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Eleanor Boyd on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America; Eleanor Boyd.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Sinclair Alexandra Vandervoort on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America; and Sinclair Vandervoort.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Abigail Yuan on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America; Abigail Yuan.

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.

Communication.

A communication from the Office of the City Clerk of the city of New Bedford transmitting to the House of Representatives a certified copy of "Resolutions on following Foundation Budget Review Commission recommendations", adopted by the city council of said city on June 22, 2017, was placed on file. New Bedford,—
foundation
budget.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

North Andover,—
Nicholas Martone.
By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3793) of Diana DiZoglio (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of Nicholas L. Martone to the position of firefighter in the town of North Andover, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

North Andover,—
J. Adam Stagno.
By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3794) of Diana DiZoglio (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of J. Adam Stagno to the position of police officer in the town of North Andover, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Insurance,—
prescription drugs.
Mr. Finn of West Springfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Finn and James T. Welch relative to prescription drug purchases under insurance laws of the Commonwealth; and the same was referred, 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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Gail Weinberg-Kraus,—
sick leave.
The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gail Weinberg-Kraus, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2044); and

House Bills
Authorizing the town of Tisbury to pay a certain unpaid bill (printed in House, No. 3710);

Tisbury,—
unpaid bill.
Boston,—
James Verderico.
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]; and

Peabody,—
liquor licenses.
Authorizing the city of Peabody to grant 20 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3788) [Local Approval Received];

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

Boston,—
affordable housing.
By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the East Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 2243) [Local Approval Received].

Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the South End section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3540) [Local Approval Received].

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alison Dejordy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3715, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence. Alison Dejordy,—
sick leave.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes after two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair. Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.