

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Friday, July 7, 2017.

Met at twenty-one minutes before two o'clock P.M., 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 Steadfast Love, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to us here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Prayer.

As residents, we are grateful for our abundance of history.

Send your spirit of hope upon the members of this chamber as they continue the hard work of creating fair and just legislation.

Born on this day in 1616, John Leverett, was an English colonial magistrate, merchant, soldier and governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Baptized at St. Botolph's Church in Boston, England, he was perhaps destined to come live here in Boston.

During the English Civil War, he became friends with Oliver Cromwell which helped him secure his governorship here. He opposed the strict Puritan religiosity of the day. He helped defend the colony during the King Philip's War and was able to expand Massachusetts by land acquisitions in what is now the state of Maine.

He died while serving in his sixth year as Governor. His body was interred in the nearby King's Chapel Burying Ground.

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 Concerning Representative Gregoire of Marlborough.

A statement of Mr. Rushing of Boston concerning Miss Gregoire of Marlborough 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 one of our colleagues, Representative Gregoire of Marlborough, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a previously scheduled family commitment. If she could have been present today, she would have voted in the affirmative on the question on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on the General Appropriation Bill. A detailed letter regarding her absence, strong support for the budget and her unsuccessful attempt to return for session is on file in the office of the House Clerk. Her missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated. Statement concerning Miss Gregoire of Marlborough.

Statement Concerning Representative Silvia of Fall River.

A statement of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset concerning Mr. Silvia of Fall River was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement concerning Mr. Silvia of Fall River.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Silvia of Fall River, is unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting because he is on official business in Washington, D.C., attending a Public Leadership State Strategy Forum. His missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Paper from the Senate.

Insurance,—drug purchases.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of James T. Welch and Michael J. Finn for legislation relative to consumer protection for prescription drug purchases, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2108) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Reports of Committees.

General Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of contained in Senate document numbered 2076) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for the interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3601), reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3800) [Total Appropriation: \$40,202,599,205.00].

The same member then moved that the rules be suspended in order that the report of the committee on conference might be considered forthwith.

Rules suspended,—yea and nay No. 73.

On the motion to suspend the rules, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Hill of Ipswich; and on the roll call 114 members voted in the affirmative and 35 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 73 in Supplement.]

Therefore the rules were suspended.

Committee of conference report accepted,—yea and nay No. 74.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill; and on the roll call 140 members voted in the affirmative and 9 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 74 in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Colleen M. Garry relative to public transparency to support quality care outcomes in all child serving organizations. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Employees,—disability training.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino and others relative to the finances of the Massport Community Advisory Committee. To the committee on Transportation.

Massport Community Advisory Committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3223) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to further regulating prescription drug price increases,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prescriptions,—price increases.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of Hubbardston to convey a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 1135) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Hubbardston,—land.

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

Engrossed Bill — Land Taking.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Lowell to use certain municipal land for school purposes (see House, No. 3654, changed and amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Lowell,—land.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 148 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

Bill enacted (land taking)—yea and nay No. 75.

[See Yea and Nay No. 75 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair,— At eighteen minutes before four o'clock P.M., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-one minutes after five o'clock, the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3800), 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 2 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

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

Accordingly, without proceeding to the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-seven minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.