

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God of Steadfast love, we thank You for the many blessings You have given to us here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As residents, we are grateful for our abundance of history and courageous acts which inspire us. We ask Your blessing upon the leadership of this House of Representatives and for the membership and their staff.

Today July 13th, marks the 288th anniversary of the birth of John Parker. He was born in Lexington and was the town's leader of the volunteer militia known as the Minutemen. Getting word of an advancement of a company of Regulars, an ill Captain Parker had 70 men assembled to face them as they approached. His famous words, "Stand your ground - don't fire unless fired upon - But if they mean to have a war, let it begin here," are engraved in the memorial on the Lexington Green. Eight colonists were killed and another ten were wounded. John Parker died from complications associated with what was then called consumption, now called tuberculosis, a few months after the battle. The musket he had with him in Lexington hangs in the Massachusetts Senate Chamber.

We are thankful for his and other colonists' spirit of courage. May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Speaker, the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

Harvard Dental School, anniversary.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Tyler of Boston) congratulating the Harvard School of Dental Medicine on its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Petition.

Employment definition.

Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine Dumouchel for legislation to further regulate the definition of employment under the unemployment insurance law; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2118) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to update postural screening requirements in schools. To the committee on Public Health.

Schools,—
postural
screenings.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2117) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and Stephan Hay for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for David Lamkin, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

David
Lamkin,—
sick leave.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Whelan, Paul Tucker and others relative to trafficking carfentanil or any salt or derivative thereof. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Carfentanil,—
trafficking.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian Murray and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to direct the Teachers' Retirement System to grant certain creditable service to Philip M. LeMarbre. To the committee on Public Service.

Philip
LeMarbre,—
creditable
service.

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

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill providing for insurance coverage for vision screening for children (House, No. 81).

Children,—
vision
screening.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving public health through a common application for core food, health and safety-net programs (House, No. 101).

Common
application,—
state services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (House, No. 1190).

Conversion
therapy,—
minors.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to further provide a rental arrearage program (House, No. 84).

Rental
arrearage
program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prevent homelessness among recipients of transitional assistance (House, No. 114).

Homelessness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to bring child support home (House, No. 1952).

Child
support.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 3147, a Bill to diversify the use of the Workforce Training Fund to support the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (House, No. 3804).

Workforce
Training
Fund.

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

Boston,—
structure
shadows. By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill protecting sunlight and promoting economic development in the city of Boston (House, No. 3749) [Local Approval Received].

Southborough,—
land. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3717, a Bill authorizing the Southborough Board of Selectmen to enter into a land exchange agreement with St. Mark's School of Southborough, Inc. (House, No. 3809) [Local Approval Received].

Greenfield,—
light
commission. By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill establishing a municipal light commission in the city known as the town of Greenfield (House, No. 2705) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

Recess. At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the Speaker declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton in the Chair.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted. The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gail Weinberg-Kraus, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2044) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

Recess. At two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seventeen minutes before three o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Kafka in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bill. The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Linda Boudria, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3795), 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.

Order.

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

At sixteen minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.