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Thursday, August 16, 2018.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Walsh of Peabody 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 Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Fidelity and Source of Life, we pray for our Commonwealth and the members of our House. We pray for the welfare and safety of all who make Massachusetts their home.

Prayer.

We pray for the many colleges and universities that are starting a new fall term this week. Watch over the students and faculty. Provide a safe environment for them to work and study.

Among the 114 institutions of higher learning in Massachusetts, we lift up the Conway School of Landscape Design – the smallest among them. Founded in 1972 in the Franklin County town of Conway, the school is moving their campus this summer to Northampton. It offers a Master of Science degree in ecological design each year to its 20 or so graduates.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Walsh), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4890), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 15.

Environment and economic development bonds,— terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 17G, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on the Bonding, Capital Expenditure and State Assets.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4891), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 15.

Federal highways bonds,— terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 17G, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85,

to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Barbara Leighton on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Barbara Leighton.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating police chief Robert Meaney on the occasion of his retirement;

Robert Meaney.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Lucy Valente on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Lucy Valente.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Vieira of Falmouth and Fernandes of Falmouth) commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the College Light Opera Company, Inc. in the town of Falmouth;

Falmouth,—
College Light
Opera Company.

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

Order.

The following order (filed by Ms. Benson of Lunenburg) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Monday, September 17, 2018 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4774.

State
Administration
and Regulatory
Oversight
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4895), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Health (see item 4513-1020 of Section 2 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting its report entitled “Early Intervention FY17 Respite Expenditures and Referrals Approved by Month”; and

Early
intervention.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) stating that they were not able to complete work on the 2018 industry report and financial statement by the August 15 deadline, and that they intend to file said report by December 31, 2018 [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy];

Clean Energy
Center,—
industry
report.

Severally were placed on file.

Semi-Annual Report.

A report from the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers’ compensation fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of

Insurance
Fraud
Bureau.

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said report were forwarded, as required under said law, to the committees on Financial Services, and Labor Workforce Development], was sent to the Senate for its information.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4892) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to place upon a town ballot a question relative to increasing the number of licenses for all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Arlington,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4893) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Groton. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Groton,—
charter.

By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4894) of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers (by vote of the town) relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Arlington. To the committee on Revenue.

Arlington,—
tax deferrals.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Muratore of Plymouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mathew Muratore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julie A. Jennings, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Julie
Jennings,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, 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.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District to lease a certain parcel of land to Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc.

Martha's
Vineyard,—
land.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark relative to designating a certain bridge in the town of Dalton as the Specialist Mitchell K. Daehling memorial bridge.

Dalton,—
Daehling
bridge.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Marc R. Pacheco and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Roberta Keeping, an employee of the Department of Transportation, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Roberta
Keeping,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and

the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2655) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 Daniel M. Donahue and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Amy Burlingame, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Amy
Burlingame,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill honoring and recognizing the heroism of Rosa Parks (Senate, No. 2410); and

MBTA,—
Rosa Parks.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of fire department members Alan Everett and Robert Lapointe (House, No. 4703) [Local Approval Received];

Williamsburg,—
firefighters.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4285, a Bill relative to the proper bonding and grounding of CSST (House, No. 4877). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Piping,—
inspection.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bethany Powers, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department (see House, No. 4403), 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.

Bethany
Powers,—
sick leave.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill to provide property tax exemptions for certain nonprofit senior housing in Boxford (Senate, No. 2286, amended), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Andover to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4661), 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.

Id.

Order.

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.

Next sitting.

At a half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Walsh of Peabody being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.