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Thursday, August 23, 2018.

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.

At the request of Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silence in honor of and in respect for two courageous young men, international students from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who gave their lives trying to rescue several children in distress from drowning.

Jaser Daham
Al-Rakah and
Theeb Al-Yami.

On June 29, 2018, Mr. Jaser Daham Al-Rakah, age 25, and Mr. Theeb Al-Yami, age 27, who are cousins, were present on Red Bridge Road in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, when they observed several young children struggling with the currents in the Chicopee River. Both men selflessly put themselves in peril to try to save the children, and while the children were rescued, both Mr. Al-Rakah and Mr. Al-Yami perished.

Mr. Al-Rakah was a student in the engineering program at Western New England University and Mr. Al-Yami was studying engineering at the University of Hartford. Both men will receive posthumous degrees from their respective universities. The sacrifice of these two heroes manifests and reaffirms our faith in humanity, regardless of nationality. We will never forget them.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Auclair's Market on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

Auclair's
Market.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Sharon Corbin of Littleton on her selection as the 2018 Littleton Unsung Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Sharon
Corbin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer) commending Brookfield Orchards on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary celebration;

Brookfield
Orchards.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Zachary Sorel on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Zachary
Sorel.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muratore of Plymouth) congratulating Samuel Kierstead on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Samuel
Kierstead.

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

Petitions.

Representative Markey of Dartmouth and Senator Montigny presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Heather Tavares, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Heather
Tavares,—
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. Kafka of Stoughton, 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.

Mr. Whelan of Brewster presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Tucker, an employee of the Department of State Police; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Michael
Tucker,—
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 Colleen M. Garry relative to fees assessed by the Dracut Water Supply District. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Dracut,—
water
fees.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David Paul Linsky and others relative to 3D printed weapons and ghost guns, so-called. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

3D, etc.
guns.

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 Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4890).

Environment
and eco-dev
bonds,—
terms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4891).

Highway
bond,—
terms.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition,

Amy

a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Burlingame, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4896).

Burlingame,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie A. Jennings, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4897).

Julie
Jennings,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Wareham to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2307) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant one additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3753, amended); and

Authorizing the city of Quincy to grant abatements of real estate taxes to certain veterans (see House, No. 4782);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Erving (House, No. 4144); and

Authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4429);

Third
reading
bills.

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. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing an early retirement incentive program for Barnstable County (House, No. 4107) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Barnstable
County,—
early
retirement.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by inserting after section 1 the following section:

“SECTION 1A. The county administrator, with the approval of the commissioners of Barnstable county, may fill county department position vacated as a result of participation by an eligible employee in the retirement incentive program vacated by such participation; provided, however, that the total annualized cost of regular compensation paid out by the county in fiscal year 2019 for all refilled positions shall not exceed 20 per cent of the total annualized cost of regular compensation that would have been paid out by the county during fiscal year 2019 for positions vacated in county pursuant to the retirement incentive program had the

positions not been vacated; and provided further, that the total annualized cost of regular compensation paid out by the county in fiscal year 2019 for all refilled positions shall not exceed 20 per cent of the total annualized cost of regular compensation which would have been paid out by the county during fiscal year 2019 for the positions vacated in the county pursuant to the retirement incentive program had the positions not been vacated.

An employee retired under this act shall not be re-employed in county service, whether as a consultant, an independent contractor or a person whose regular duties require time devoted to county service, within 30 days after the date of retirement.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4107, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 eleven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.