

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 7, 2017.

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).

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

God of Hope, we give You thanks for the beauty of Your creation this time of year as we witness the early signs of the Autumn season. We ask Your blessing for the many persons employed by the Commonwealth, those who work within this historic building and for the many who are at work throughout the Commonwealth. Here in Boston, we are experiencing the first day of classes for students attending public schools. Watch over these young people and their teachers and all who work to provide an education for the children of Massachusetts.

Today also marks the 374th anniversary of the date of incorporation for the Essex County town of Wenham. Wenham was the first town to be carved out of Salem. Its name is derived from the old English word meaning, "home on the moor." We pray for the Fourth Essex district's Representative Bradford Hill and his staff. 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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced, on August 23, 2017, that he had made the following reappointments and appointments:

That Representative Paul J. Donato of Medford and Mr. Earl Stuck of the town of Bourne had been reappointed (under Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the status of grandparents raising grandchildren; and

That Dr. Brian Wolpin of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in the city of Boston and Ms. Carole Seigel of the town of Brookline had been appointed (under Section 78 of Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2015) to the special legislative commission established to study pancreatic cancer.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Smizik of Brookline and other members of the House) recognizing the transition in leadership at the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, Inc., 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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Condo-
miniums,—
flags.

By Representatives Higgins of Leominster and Velis of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie Higgins and John C. Velis relative to the display of certain flags in condominiums.

Maria
Williams,—
sick leave.

By Representative Keefe of Worcester and Senator Moore, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mary S. Keefe and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria Williams, an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

1st responders,—
protective
gear.

By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of RoseLee Vincent that first responders wear protective gear when responding to overdoses.

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

Paper from the Senate.

Private ways,
etc.,—
maintenance.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1910) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake, Adam G. Hinds, Keiko M. Orrall and others for legislation relative to the maintenance of private ways, bridges and common amenities in municipalities, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

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:

Boston,—
Uhlman
band stand.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Nick Collins for legislation to designate a band stand at the Marine Park in the South Boston neighborhood of the city of Boston as the Harry G. Uhlman, Jr., memorial band stand. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Controlled
substances,—
deaths.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to the manufacturing, dispensing, distribution, or sale of certain controlled substances that result in death. To the committee on the Judiciary.

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

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

Senate Bills

Taunton,—
special
police.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2034, amended) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew McGaughran, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2123, amended); and

Matthew
McGaughran.

The House Bill relative to single risk limitations (House, No. 2186); Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Risk
limits.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Resolve to establish a special commission to perform an investigation and providing for a study relative to the long term management, maintenance and future use of the Boston Harbor Long and Moon Islands (House, No. 397, changed in line 7 by inserting after the word "Speaker" the words "the Secretary of the Commonwealth or his designee").

Boston,—
harbor
islands.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to study the feasibility of creating and implementing a gypsy moth spraying program (House, No. 454).

Moth
spraying.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 449 and 2131, a Bill relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program (House, No. 2131). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Healthy
incentives.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill instructing the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing an animal shelter and dog park on state-owned property in the city of Quincy (House, No. 393).

Quincy,—
animal
shelter and
dog park.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the establishment of old growth forest reserves (House, No. 443).

Forest
reserves.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Nickerson State Park Trust Fund (House, No. 2134).

Nickerson
Park,—
trust fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to abandoned vessels on DCR property (House, No. 2909).

DCR property,—
vessels.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs (House, No. 2924).

Small
businesses,—
energy saving.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 395, a Bill relative to [sic] the Division of Waterways to dredge Quincy Bay (House, No. 3895).

Quincy
Bay,—
dredging.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 400 and 459, a Bill relative to mosquito control (House, No. 3896).

Mosquito
control.

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

*Emergency Measure.*Andrew Williams,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Williams, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see House, No. 3848), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Chelmsford to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3880) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*Wrentham,—
liquor licenses.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant 9 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 23), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 10, by inserting after the word "authority" the words "of the town of Wrentham shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this act to any other location, but it".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 23, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Dedham,—
liquor licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Dedham to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises (House, No. 3752) (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.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3897), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 twelve o'clock noon.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at twelve o'clock noon, in an Informal Session.