

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 11, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at twelve o'clock noon, 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:

Prayer. God of Unity and Peace. This is a day for remembering; remembering the nearly three thousand who died on this day in 2001, especially the 206 persons who were either living in Massachusetts or were natives of our Commonwealth. We remember the shock and horror; we remember the anger and the fear. We also remember the courage and the spirit of solidarity that brought Americans together after those acts of terror.

We remember how many came together to do whatever they could to assist those who had lost so much. We pray for those who died that day and we pray for their loved ones who have had to learn to live without their physical presence these past sixteen years. We pray today for that same spirit of unity that was so evident in the days and weeks that followed the violence of 9/11. May Your spirit of hope and co-operation assist our elected officials in this House as they craft just legislation that will benefit the citizens of Massachusetts.

And finally God, we pray for peace; peace for ourselves and peace for our world. May the peace that comes from Your presence grow within our hearts and minds. May each of us be ambassadors of Your peace.

Gracious God, we ask You to continue to bless our Commonwealth. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth) commending the Friends of the Edgartown Meetinghouse on the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard; and Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) recognizing October 14, 2017 as Rhina P. Espaillat Day;

Church of Martha's Vineyard.

Rhina Espaillat Day.

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. 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:

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3898) of Timothy R. Whelan (by vote of the town) that the town of Dennis be authorized to establish a solid waste and recycling capital improvement fund; and

Dennis,—waste fund.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3899) of Timothy R. Whelan (by vote of the town) that the town of Dennis be authorized to establish a waterways capital improvement fund;

Dennis,—waterways fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Vincent of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of RoseLee Vincent relative to written consent by biological parents for certain adoptions.

Adoption,—consent.

By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh and others relative to motor vehicle liability policies or bonds.

Motor vehicles,—liability.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chris Walsh, David F. DeCoste and David Paul Linsky relative to harassment prevention orders.

Harassment,—prevention orders.

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

Paper from the Senate.

August 25, 2017.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate, has announced the appointment (pursuant to Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) of Senator Michael Brady to the special commission to study cutting, welding and hot work process.

Welding, etc.—study.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Jonathan D. Zlotnik, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Jennifer L. Flanagan that the town of Westminster be authorized to establish a private road maintenance revolving fund. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westminster,—fund.

Juvenile justice,— data.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2489) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others for legislation to improve data collection in the juvenile justice system,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. 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:

David Lamkin,— sick leave.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Lamkin, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2117, amended); and

Title letters.

The House Bill relative to title insurance closing protection letters (House, No. 567);

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

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

Licenseses.

House bills
Relative to notification of licensees (House, No. 191);

Liquor license applicants.

Updating a certain requirement for on premises liquor license applicants (House, No. 196); and

Check-cashing.

Creating a maximum allowable check-cashing rate (House, No. 2819);
Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Andrew Williams, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see House, No. 3848) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew McGaughan, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2123, 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.

Id.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3842) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lornece Tull, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3877) (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.

Lornece Tull,— sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of correction, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3877, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Mr. Cusack of Braintree being in the Chair,—
On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at one o'clock P.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-one minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Cusack of Braintree being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at one o'clock P.M.