

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 14, 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 Light, grant our legislators Your illumination. Cast Your guiding light of justice and truth upon the efforts of our elected officials in this Chamber. Help us all to be a people who walk by Your light, seeking the way of peace together. Prayer.

Today, we remember the first lighthouse built in America became operational on this day 301 years ago. Boston Light, a stone tower built on Little Brewster Island, provided its warning light for 60 years. It remained operational until the last British ships evacuated Boston Harbor in 1776, blowing up the lighthouse as they did so. The new Boston Light was built on the same location in 1783 and is still in use as the nation's second oldest lighthouse.

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. Pledge of allegiance.

Communication from Representative Walsh of Framingham.

A communication from Representative Walsh of Framingham was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:

September 14, 2017.

Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
 Room 145
 State House
 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I would like to request the creation of the Trails Caucus. The purpose of the caucus will be to discuss ways in which trails have successfully been thus far created and how they have been expanded in different regions and counties over the years. I hope that together we can work to create a sense of community by considering each trail as a piece of a larger context to improve and connect the current trail system in Massachusetts. In discussing the various ways in which trails have positively affected the communities we represent, we can develop a holistic approach that the state can implement in regards to how the trail systems are developed.

Trails
 Caucus,—
 creation.

Thank you very much for the opportunity and for your time.

Trails
Caucus,—
creation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-722-2070 or by e-mailing Nicole.Venguer@mahouse.gov.

Sincerely,

CHRIS WALSH,
State Representative,
Sixth Middlesex District.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Crocker of Barnstable) commending the heroism of the employees and residents of Champ Homes, Inc.; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Louis O. Giudice on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

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. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Representative Ayers of Quincy and Senator Keenan, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce J. Ayers, John F. Keenan and Tackey Chan for legislation to designate a certain park in the city of Quincy as the Richard "Dick" Herbert memorial park.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan Fernandes relative to the powers of cities and town to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use, application or disposal of certain pesticides.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Erik Nordahl, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mathew Muratore and others for legislation to authorize the treasurer of Plymouth County to transfer certain funds.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Chandler, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Laura Sypien, an employee of the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital.

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

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 Dylan Fernandes relative to the establishment of first-time homebuyer savings accounts and providing for an income tax deduction for certain amounts contributed to such accounts. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was

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Homes.

Louis
Giudice.

Quincy—
Herbert
memorial
park.

Pesticides.

Erik
Nordahl,—
sick leave.

Plymouth
County,—
funds.

Laura
Sypien,—
sick leave.

Homebuyers,—
college
accounts.

suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill dissolving the redevelopment authority in the town of Ashland (House, No. 3875) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Ashland
redevelopment
authority.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to authorizing the city of Somerville to impose impact fees for any development project for the purposes of funding the Green Line extension (House, No. 3882) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Somerville,—
Green Line
extension.

Engrossed Bill.

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

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2138) (its title having been changed by the committee on the 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of John LaSalle [sic] as a call firefighter (House, No. 3791), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Whately,—
John
LaSalle.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 6, by inserting after the word "purposes" the words "and upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on that date".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3791, 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 twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.