

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 18, 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 Inspiration and Courage, we pray today for our House membership and their staff. We pray for their efforts to pursue just and fair legislation. Prayer.

We remember that it was on this day in 1634 that Anne Hutchinson arrived in Boston with her husband and 12 children. They built and settled in a house at the corner of today's School Street and Washington Street. It was during her work as a midwife that Hutchinson came to be recognized as a gifted teacher in the ways of the Christian faith as practiced by the Puritans. Soon her reputation spread and she began to attract many followers to her home, as women at that time were not allowed to teach in public.

Her interpretations of the Puritan faith however came to be at odds with the leadership of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. After a court found her guilty of heresy, she was banned from the colony and she and a group of 70 followers took refuge for a time in the new colony of Rhode Island. In 1643, after having moved to the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, she and all but one of her children were massacred in an attack by a native tribe there. Anne Hutchinson is recognized as the first notable woman religious leader in the American colonies.

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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Cantwell of Marshfield, Cutler of Duxbury, Calter of Kingston, DeCoste of Norwell, Murphy of Weymouth and Meschino of Hull) congratulating radio station WATD-FM on its fortieth anniversary, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. WATD-FM.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rushing 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 Vieira of Falmouth and Senator deMacedo presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3918) of David T. Vieira, Viriato M. deMacedo and Randy Hunt (by vote of the town) Bourne,—
charter.

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that the town of Bourne be authorized to amend the charter of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Suzanne Fiske,—
benefits.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:
By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 7A) of Shawn Dooley for legislation to direct the Norfolk county retirement board to provide certain benefits to Suzanne E. Fiske, the widow of David B. Fiske, an employee of the town of Plainville.

Butane and propane.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to the sale and purchase of butane and propane.

Dave Ringer,—
sick leave.

By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie Higgins for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dave Ringer, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Brenda Fitzgerald Mello.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brenda Fitzgerald-Mello, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Amanda Rodrigues,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Petrolati for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Amanda Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court.

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 following petitions:

Erik Nordahl,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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; and

Laura Sypien,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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 to the committee on Public Service.

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

Maria Williams,—
sick leave.

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 joint petition 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. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, 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.

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

Authorizing the town of Lenox to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land (House, No. 3833) [Local Approval Received];

Lenox,—
land.

Further regulating the appointment of trustees of the public library of the city of Boston (House, No. 3862) [Local Approval Received];

Boston Public Library.

Authorizing the town of Athol to establish a special fund for the town of Athol Public Library (House, No. 3863) [Local Approval Received]; and

Athol Public Library.

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to Juanita A. Haas (Brandariz) (House, No. 3876) [Local Approval Received];

Revere,—
Juanita Haas.

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2030) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to wireless internet service in schools and public institutions of higher education; and

Schools,—
wireless internet.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2858) of Kay Khan and others relative to prohibiting the marketing of sugary drinks on school grounds;

Schools,—
sugary drinks.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Export Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2155) of Adrian Madaro and others relative to safety and emergency preparedness training for aviation service workers,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Aviation workers,—
training.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3633) of Byron Rushing, Denise Provost and Carlos González relative to workplace safety, trench excavation permitting and further regulating the responsibilities of procurement officers,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Procurement officers,—
regulate.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on House, No. 2616, a Bill relative to the dairy farm tax credit (House, No. 3908).

Dairy farms,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3325, a Bill relative to open spaces and tax incentives (House, No. 3910).

Open spaces,—
incentives.

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

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 1487, 2651 and 3310, a Bill relative to clarifying property tax exemptions for solar and wind systems (House, No. 3906).

Solar and wind systems,—
exemptions.

Fuel cell
technology.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1492, a Bill relative to fuel cell technology (House, No. 3907).

Chatham,—
boat
excise.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2635, a Bill relative to boat excise tax revenue for the Chatham waterfront (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received].

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

Engrossed Bills.

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enacted.

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant 9 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 23, amended);

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Brockton (see Senate, No. 2138);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of call firefighter James Ferron (see House, No. 3834, amended) (which 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.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Tisbury to pay a certain unpaid bill (printed in House, No. 3710), 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.

Dracut,—
liquor
licenses.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Dracut to grant four additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3754), 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 lines 6 and 7, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "A license granted pursuant to this section shall be clearly marked on its face 'B-3 Business District' and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3754, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.