

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Met at eight minutes after 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 Creation and Beauty, we give You thanks today for our changeable weather and for the upcoming cooler, dryer climate. We pray for our House legislators and their staff. We remember that today marks the 1793 incorporation of the Franklin County town of Gill. Prayer.

The small town is named after Moses Gill, who at the death of Governor Increase Sumner, briefly served as acting governor until his own death in office, leaving both positions vacant for the only time in the Commonwealth's history. These vacancies triggered the Governor's council to rule the state for ten days. The state's constitution was amended in 1918 to remove the Governor's Council from gubernatorial succession.

Gill's 1500 townspeople enjoy the beauty of their setting in the Connecticut River Valley. Engineering has made crossing that river a pleasurable experience as Gill is home to two picturesque bridges: Gill-Montague which brings sightseers to Turners Falls and French King, known for its view of the foliage during this season. We pray for Gill's elected member of the House, 2nd Franklin District Representative Susannah Whipps and her 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. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) commending the American Cancer Society, Massachusetts Division, Inc. on its recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk; American Cancer Society.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Dooley of Norfolk and Linksy of Natick) congratulating Shane Xavier Joseph on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; Shane Joseph.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Dooley of Norfolk and Linksy of Natick) congratulating Luke Anthony Messias on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; Luke Messina.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Keefe of Worcester, Donahue of Worcester, O'Day of West Boylston, Campanale of Leicester and Mahoney of Worcester) congratulating VNA Care Network, Inc. on its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary; and VNA Care Network.

Lenox,—
anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) congratulating the town of Lenox on its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

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

Annual Reports.

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Mental Health
support plan.

Of the Department of Mental Health (under Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its individual and family support plan for fiscal year 2018;

Public Health
support plan.

Of the Department of Public Health (under Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its individual and family support plan for fiscal year 2018; and

"Pacheco Law"
waiver,—
annual
report.

Of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under Section 196 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) on its waiver of the provisions of sections 52 to 55, inclusive, of the General Laws pertaining to contracts for the procurement of goods and services executed by or on behalf of said authority [copies of said report forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on Transportation];

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Swampscott,—
liquor
licenses.

Representative Ehrlich of Marblehead and Senator McGee presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3931) of Lori A. Ehrlich and Thomas M. McGee (by vote of the town) that the town of Swampscott be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Chronically
homeless,—
housing.

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 Amanda Ricko relative to housing services for chronically homeless individuals. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Health. 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:

Somerville,—
Green Line.

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];

Establishing a private road maintenance revolving fund in the town of Westminster (House, No. 3905) [Local Approval Received]; and
Establishing a sick leave bank for Laura Sypien, an employee of the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital (House, No. 3923);
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Westminster,—
road fund.

Laura
Sypien,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill to amend the town charter of Concord (House, No. 1097), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Concord,—
charter.

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. 3930), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until twelve o'clock noon; and at seven minutes after twelve o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Barnstable (see House, No. 3706, amended), 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.

Bill
enacted.

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 eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, 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.