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Thursday, October 5, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at two o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Moran of Boston in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Moran), 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 Mr. Connolly of Cambridge) recognizing Benjamin Echevarria's services to the Commonwealth;

Benjamin
Echevarria.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) commending Harry Mah and Fay Mah on their many accomplishments;

Harry and
Fay Mah.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muratore of Plymouth) congratulating Helen O. Hall on her one hundredth birthday; and

Helen
Hall.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Nangle of Lowell, Golden of Lowell and Mom of Lowell) commending the Kronos, Inc. for its commitment to the Commonwealth and its recognition of October 31, 2017, as Kronos, Inc. Day;

Kronos, Inc.

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

Communications.

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From the Special Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Aging (see Section 71 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) submitting its end of year report for 2016; and

LGBT,—
aging.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 12A of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) notifying the General Court that the submission of the progress report of the Performance and Asset Management Advisory Council will be delayed approximately six weeks;

Performance
and Asset
Management.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (under Section 432

Students with

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of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000) on Students with Disabilities 2015-2016 [copies of said report forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Education];

disabilities.

Of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General laws) for fiscal year 2017; and

Massachusetts
Legal Assistance.

A report of the Group Insurance Commission (under Section 21 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) on Vendor Quality Improvement for fiscal year 2017;

Vendor
quality.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3941) of Paul Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Salem,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Joseph F. Wagner and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Chicopee Contributory Retirement System be authorized to allow certain members to purchase creditable service for military service. To the committee on Public Service.

Chicopee,—
retirement
benefits.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Miceli of Wilmington presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gary Erskine, an employee of the Department of Public Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Gary
Erskine,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2175) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Keiko M. Orrall, Paul A. Schmid, III and others for legislation to reform agricultural preservation restrictions. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Agricultural
preservation,—
restrictions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2176) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elizabeth O'Brien, an employee of the Department of the Attorney General. To the committee on Public Service.

Elizabeth
O'Brien,—
sick leave.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ruth B. Balsler and Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marlene M. Ayash, an employee of the Trial Court; and

Marlene
Ayash,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others relative to

Early

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access of level 1 sex offender information by the Department of Early Education and Care, pre-kindergarten schools and certain child care programs or providers;

education,—
sex offender
information.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn, 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 Senate Bill naming a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Leonard “Lenny” Kaplan Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2098, amended), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Fall River,—
Kaplan
bridge.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the definition of commercial motor vehicles (House, No. 1898). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Commercial
motor vehicles,—
definition.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amanda Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3932).

Amanda
Rodrigues,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting all positions in the fire department of the town of Plainville from the civil service law (House, No. 3864) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Plainville,—
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting positions in the Department of Public Works for the city of Marlborough from the Civil Service Law (House, No. 3883) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Marlborough,—
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of James Atkinson to the position of junior accountant of the police department of the city of Methuen (House, No. 3889) [Local Approval Received].

Methuen,—
James
Atkinson.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda Fitzgerald-Mello, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3929).

Brenda
Fitzgerald-Mello,—
sick leave.

By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill requiring legal aviation service worker training (House, No. 2155).

Aviation service
workers,— training.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge as the George Allaire Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3684).

Yarmouth,—
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to amend the Massport CAC Enabling Act (House, No. 3803).

Massport.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Hanson as the Hon. Charles W. Mann Bridge (House, No. 3849).

Hanson,—
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Hart-Desiato Bridge (House, No. 3888).

Bedford,—
bridge.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Erik Nordahl, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 3924), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Erik Nordahl,—
sick leave.

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. 3943), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.