

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 20, 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 Creation, we give You thanks this week, as a Commonwealth, for all the gifts we have received at Your Hands. We ask You to bless the elected officials who serve their constituents in this chamber. We are also thankful for the many persons who were born in this state who went on to serve our country with distinction. Prayer.

Today, we recall that it was on this date in 1925 that Robert Francis Kennedy was born in Brookline. Kennedy attended Harvard University and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He became Attorney General during his brother John's brief presidency and went on to become a U.S. Senator from New York and a candidate for President of this country.

In one of his speeches when running for public office in 1964, Robert Kennedy said "There are people in every time and land who want to stop history in its tracks. They fear the future, mistrust the present and invoke the security of a comfortable past which, in fact, never existed."

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 Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Lawrence Robert Cormier on the occasion of his retirement; and Lawrence Cormier.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) congratulating Frank Anzalotti on his retirement; Frank Anzalotti.

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.

### *Communication.*

A communication from the Metro West Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting audited financial statements through June 30, 2017, was placed on file. Metro West Transit.

*Report.*

Statutory Basis Financial Report. A report from the Office of the Comptroller (under Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Statutory Basis Financial Report for the fiscal year 2017, was placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Employment contracts—rights. By Representatives DiZoglio of Methuen and DuBois of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio, Michelle M. Dubois and others relative to the provisions of certain rights with in employment contracts.

Motor vehicle stops. By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to complying with police officers during motor vehicle stops.

Homeowners,—tax relief. By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to authorize municipalities to offer property tax relief to certain eligible homeowners.

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

*Reports of Committees.*

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

Donna Paul,—sick leave. The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Donna Paul, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2166); and

House bills Relative to the town administrator of in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3513) [Local Approval Received]; and

Fairhaven,—administrator. Relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Lincoln deed restricted as affordable housing (House, No. 4004) [Local Approval Received];

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 Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 415, a Bill relative to bow hunting for deer in Wompatuck State Park (House, No. 4038).

Wompatuck state park,—bow hunting. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 445, a Bill amending MGL 21E AND 310 CMR 4.03 (House, No. 4040).

Municipalities,—compliance fee. By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2164 and House, No. 2113, a Bill to protect Massachusetts pollinators (House, No. 4041).

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 438, a Bill relative to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission (House, No. 4039).

Lake Quinsigamond Commission. By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2941 and 2942, a Bill relative to failed septic systems (House, No. 4042).

Septic systems.

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

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ann Marie Campos, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 3965), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. Ann Marie Campos,—sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills Relative to the Middleton town charter (House, No. 3725); and Validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting in the town of Berlin (House, No. 3961, changed); Third reading bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.