

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 22, 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:

Prayer. Gracious God, giver of good gifts great and small, on the eve of this national holy day, we offer You thanks for all things. Awaken in us every day that gratitude which is the heart of all prayer. In recognizing the good we turn to You the giver.

As our ancestors did before us, we give You thanks for the bounty of our land to be shared with our brothers and sisters, especially those in need.

May we always be hospitable to those outside our tribe as the Wompanoag sustained the pilgrims of Plimouth Colony.

We give You thanks for the blessings we enjoy. And we pray for a generous heart willing to share with others.

We give You thanks for the people who love us and for those who do not. May we live and work with them in peace.

We thank You for good health and for our health care in Massachusetts.

We thank You for the endurance You give us when we are sick and we thank You for your gift of hope when we are in troubled times.

Give us the grace to find the best in each other, to forgive past hurts and to speak our truth with charity.

We pray all this in the name of the law, God's Law which is the law of love.

And finally we pray for Your continual blessing on our Commonwealth.

Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Silent Prayer.

Boston,—Richard Higgins

At the request of Mr. Collins of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Richard Higgins of Dorchester.

Mr. Higgins served in the United States Army in Vietnam. He was an electrician for the Jamaica Plain V.A. Hospital for over 30 years. Richard also served as Vice-President and President of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO L.U. 1213. He is survived by his wife Margie, children Michelle, Lorie, Richard, and Michael, as well as many loving grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

Guests of the House.

At the end of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) introduced Boston Firefighter Edward (Edzo) Kelly, the former President of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, and current second highest ranking office holder in the International Association of Firefighters. Firefighter Kelly was accompanied by his wife, Katy, their son, Tommy, and his friend Cole Kazmowski. They were touring the State House in celebration of the 3rd anniversary of Tommy being free of cancer. They were the guests of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, Raymond Amaru.

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Reports of Committees.

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:

Relative to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority Capital Infrastructure Fund in the town of Stoughton (House, No. 3958) [Local Approval Received];

Stoughton,—fund.

Relative to [sic] establishment of a revolving fund for a school learning lab within a vocational-technical program operated by the town of Westborough Public Schools (House, No. 3992) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westborough,—fund.

Establishing a sick leave bank for William Cuttle, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4021);

William Cuttle,—sick leave.

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

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:

Relative to the Lake Quinsigamond Commission (House, No. 4039); and

Lake panel.

Relative to failed septic systems (House, No. 4042);

Septic systems.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, 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 a petition, a Bill to require producer responsibility for collection, reuse and recycling of discarded electronic products (House No. 2148).

Electronics,—disposal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to conserving archaeological, geological and fossil resources on public lands (House No. 2929).

Public lands,—resources.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill making

Dam and seawall fund.

technical corrections to the Dam and Seawall Repair Removal Fund (House No. 402).

Hazardous materials,— stipend.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the annual stipend for members of the Commonwealth's hazardous material response teams (House No. 413).

Septic installers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to septic installers (House No 433).

Sudbury watershed.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Sudbury watershed advisory committee (House No. 2119).

Farm,— commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Farm Technology Review Commission (House No. 2153).

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

Shellfish reefs.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to shellfish reefs and water quality (House No. 2135). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

Brenda Tenaglia,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda Tenaglia, an employee of the Division of Medical Assistance (see House, No. 3993), 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.

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.

Rebecca Owumi,— sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rebecca Owumi, an employee of the Essex Sheriff's Office (see House, No. 4035), 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.

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.

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 nineteen 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.