

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 27, 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. God of Justice, we pray today for the membership of the House of Representatives and their staff. We ask You to bless their efforts to serve their constituents of the state's 160 districts.

God of Strength and Ingenuity, we pray today in thanksgiving for the industry of Massachusetts' engineers and workers of the 19th century. Today marks the 143rd anniversary of the opening of the Hoosac Tunnel of western Massachusetts. Hoosac is an Algonquin word meaning "place of stones".

Boring a four and three-quarter mile train tunnel through the Hoosac Mountain was one of the world's greatest engineering feats at the time. It took twenty years, \$17 million and the lives of 196 men. Over two million tons of rock were excavated and 20 million bricks were used to line the tunnel. The freight train tunnel's east entry is in the small Berkshire County town of Florida.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

Trauma registry,— study. A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to a study of the trauma registry in the Department of Public Health [see House, No. 3827] (for message, see House, No. 4048), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, November 24.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being: "Shall this bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor?"

Messages from the Governor.

Framingham,— candidates. A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to requiring candidates for mayor and council in Framingham to adhere to and report in accordance with Section 19 of Chapter 55 (House, No. 4046), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, November 24.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to clarifying and restating the applicability of the civil service laws to employee positions in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4047), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, November 24. Framingham,— civil service.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Hecht of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating Raya Stern on her retirement from the Watertown Free Public Library Board of Trustees; Raya Stern.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Jackson O. Danis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; Jackson Danis.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Benjamin R. Guerriero on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; Benjamin Guerriero.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lombardo of Billerica) congratulating Patty Mahoney on her retirement; and Patty Mahoney.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Sánchez of Boston) honoring Henry F. Vitale and his many accomplishments as a champion of clean water in the city of Boston; Henry Vitale.

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

Petitions.

Mrs. Harrington of Groton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4049) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) relative to the Board of Park Commissioners of the town of Dunstable; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Dunstable,— park commissioners.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nicholas A. Boldyga for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gayle Vassallo, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Gayle Vassallo,— sick leave.

Correction
facilities.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley relative to correctional facilities under Chapter 40B.

Burlington,—
MacDonald
bridge.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Burlington as the Lance Corporal Gregory E. MacDonald memorial bridge.

Deirdre
Dacey,—
sick leave.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Deirdre Dacey, an employee of the Parole Board.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Operating
under the
influence,—
evidence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to the admissibility of evidence in a prosecution for operating under the influence (Senate, No. 2218), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Construction
zones,—
speeding.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to promoting construction zone safety (Senate, No. 2217), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Order.

Next
sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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