

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 4, 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 and Peace, we offer our prayers today for the members of the House of Representatives and for the many persons whose work assists them in their duty of crafting just and necessary legislation.

We pray for the safety and well-being of the many visitors to our historic building today. May all come to appreciate the sacrifices made on our behalf by those who have gone before us.

Today we lift up in prayer the people of the small Franklin County town of Wendell. With less than one thousand residents, Wendell is a quiet town of natural beauty whose boundaries include the Wendell State Forest. We pray for Wendell's elected member of the House, Representative Stephen Kulik and his staff.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Colonial Navy.—anniversary. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Haddad of Somerset, Schmid of Westport, Silvia of Fall River, Fiola of Fall River and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary; and

Jared Widberg. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Peabody) congratulating Jared Quinn Widberg on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Monthly Report.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. A monthly report from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through November, 2017, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Donato of Medford and Senator Lewis presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4056) of Paul J. Donato, Jason M. Lewis and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to certain inauguration day events in the city of Malden; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Malden.—inauguration events.

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4055) of Brian Murray and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) relative to the dissolution of the Milford Water Company and the acquisition of its assets by the town of Milford (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with memoranda relative thereto) was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Milford.—water company.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter V. Kocot relative to reviving and further continuing the special commission established to investigate and report on the preservation of Polish culture and history in the Pioneer Valley.

Pioneer Valley.—Polish culture.

By Representative Speliotis of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Theodore C. Speliotis, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to creditable service benefits for certain veterans.

Veterans.—service benefits.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Leyden to continue the employment of police chief Daniel J. Galvis (House, No. 3449, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following section:

Leyden.—Daniel J. Galvis.

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of June 11, 2017.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House 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), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 1, in lines 1 and 2, striking out the following: “, section 20 of chapter 268A of the General Laws”; in lines 3 and 4, striking out the following: “prior to the expiration of his term as city councilor for the city of Methuen on December 31, 2017” and inserting in place thereof the words “upon his resignation from the city council”; and in lines 7 to 10, inclusive, striking out the sentence contained in those lines. The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Methuen.—James Atkinson.

Waltham,—
land.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Waltham (House, No. 3975), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 3, striking out the word “shall” and inserting in place thereof the word “may”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Southwick,—
Purple
Heart trail.

A Bill designating a section of state highway Route 10 and United States highway Route 202 in the town of Southwick as the Purple Heart Trail (Senate, No. 2105), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports

Of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Human
Trafficking.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 905) of Mark C. Montigny, Patricia A. Haddad, Sal N. DiDomenico, Richard J. Ross and other members of the General Court for legislation to strengthen laws combatting human trafficking and protecting survivors of modern-day slavery;

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 906) of Mark C. Montigny, Patricia A. Haddad, Sal N. DiDomenico, James M. Cantwell and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance the lives of survivors of human trafficking; and

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 907) of Mark C. Montigny, Patricia A. Haddad, Sal N. DiDomenico, Richard J. Ross and other members of the General Court for legislation to prevent human trafficking and sexual exploitation in bodyworks establishments;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Senate Rules.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Lynn,—
quarterly
taxes.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2222) of Thomas M. McGee, Brendan P. Crighton, Daniel F. Cahill, Lori A. Ehrlich and others (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to quarterly taxes in the city of Lynn, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

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

Lead
pipes,—
disclosure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2224) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to require the disclosure of lead in water pipes to prospective purchasers of premises. To the committee on Public Health.

Musician
laureate.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2225) of Cinzi Lavin for legislation to create the title of musician laureate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2226) of Vincent J. D’Andrea for legislation relative to the issuance of motorcycle permits for persons under the age of eighteen. To the committee on Transportation.

Motorcycles,—
permits.

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 petition of Diana DiZoglio, Michelle M. Dubois and others relative to the provisions of certain rights within employment contracts. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Employment,—
contracts.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to protect tropical forests by restricting state purchases of certain wood products (House, No. 1708).

State
purchasing,—
wood
products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote cost savings through the use of public water (House, No. 3451).

Public
water.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3458, a Bill authorizing the conveyance of Article 97 land to the city known as the town of Franklin (House, No. 4054) [Local Approval Received].

Franklin,—
land.

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

By Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Silver Lake Regional School District to convey drainage easements to the town of Kingston (House, No. 4020).

Kingston,—
easements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4028) [Local Approval Received].

Westborough,—
special
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Salisbury Board of License Commissioners (House, No. 4029) [Local Approval Received].

Salisbury,—
license
commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the treasurer of Plymouth County to transfer certain funds (House, No. 4034).

Plymouth
County.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill providing for the annual observance of the month of March as Massachusetts maple month and designating pure Massachusetts maple syrup as the official sweetener of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3735).

Maple
syrup.

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

*Orders of the Day.*Franklin
agricultural
commission.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission (House, No. 3785), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 3977) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*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 Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.