

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Met at seven minutes after 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 Power, God of Strength, we give You thanks for the men and women of our House of Representatives. Watch over them and guide them in their efforts to help keep Massachusetts a most desirable place to live. We are grateful for all persons who have served the Commonwealth over the years. Prayer.

Tomorrow, December 8, will be the 110th anniversary of the birth of Massachusetts Governor John Volpe. Born in Wakefield, Volpe served as Governor from 1960 to 1962 and later became the first four-year term Governor of the Commonwealth when elected in 1965. He also served in Richard Nixon's cabinet as Secretary of Transportation and during his tenure, Amtrak was created. Prior to any elected office he was appointed by President Eisenhower to be the first administrator of the Federal Highway Administration in 1956. Later in life, he was appointed the U.S. Ambassador to Italy.

We pray today for Wakefield's two elected members of the House, Representatives Donald Wong and Paul Brodeur and their staffs.

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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in memory of those who gave their lives on December 7, 1941 in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Smizik of Brookline and other members of the House) celebrating the Jewish festival of Chanukah 2017, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Chanukah.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Communications.

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Performance Asset Management.
 Lowell Regional Transit.
 From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 12A of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the Performance Asset Management Advisory Council; and
 From the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for the fiscal year 2017;
 Severally were placed on file.

Report.

MassDOT,—reports.
 A report from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under Section 6 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2009) submitting its annual performance for fiscal year 2017, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Boston,—firefighter benefits.
 Mr. Collins of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4057) of Nick Collins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of certain firefighters in the city of Boston; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Infants,—sleep safety.
 By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and others that the Department of Children and Families be authorized to establish a program that promotes infant sleep safety.

Maria Fernandes,—sick leave.
 By Representative Haddad of Somerset and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria G. Fernandes, an employee of the Trial Court.

Justin Valdes,—sick leave.
 By Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James R. Miceli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Justin Valdes, an employee of the Department of Public Health.
 Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

Gloucester,—parking fines.
 A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2223) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to increasing city of Gloucester parking fines, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

Chelsea,—Bruttaniti bridge.
 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 joint petition of Daniel J. Ryan, Sal N. DiDomenico and RoseLee Vincent for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city of Chelsea as the John P. Bruttaniti memorial bridge. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton,

the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Inmates,—mental health.
 By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3498) of Randy Hunt and others relative to the mental health examination process of inmates at places of detention,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Malden,—special police.
 By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Malden (House, No. 4016). Read and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Adams,—civil service.
 The Senate Bill exempting certain positions of the police department of the town of Adams from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2154) [Local Approval Received]; and

Maple syrup.
 House bills
 Relative to 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);

Westborough,—fund.
 Establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4028) [Local Approval Received]; and

Plymouth County.
 Authorizing the treasurer of Plymouth County to transfer certain funds (House, No. 4034);

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.

Call firefighters.
 By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 1431).

Provincetown,—Michael Trovato.
 By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (House, No. 3865) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,—civil service.
 By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the civil service eligibility list for police officers in the city of Quincy (House, No. 3938) [Local Approval Received].

Chicopee,—
benefits. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the city of Chicopee (House, No. 3942) [Local Approval Received].

Chester
Yazwinski. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Deerfield Area Fire Protection District to continue the employment of Fire Chief Chester Yazwinski (House, No. 3957).

Julie
Morales,—
sick leave. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie Rosenthal Morales, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4044).

Building
standards. By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 1722, a Bill relative to the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (House, No. 4053).

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted. The engrossed Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to establish a local agricultural commission with limited authority (see House, No. 3785, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Devens Fire
Department. The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the Devens Fire Department (House, No. 1328, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Methuen,—
James
Atkinson. The Senate amendments of 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), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill. The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the city of Taunton (Senate, No. 2034, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bourne,—
charter. The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Bourne (House, No. 3918), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 30. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3918, amended) 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

Representatives Muratore of Plymouth, Calter of Kingston and Hunt of Sandwich then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Joseph R. Gallitano, a member of the House from Plymouth in 1997 and 1998; and the motion prevailed.
Accordingly, at twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.