

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, December 18, 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 Peace and Hope, we pray today for our legislators and for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are grateful for the many blessings our small state enjoys. Prayer.

One of its blessings is the small suburban town of Stoneham in Middlesex County which celebrated the anniversary of its incorporation yesterday. On December 17, 1725, this governing body, the General Court, passed an act to establish the new township of Stoneham, separating it from Charlestown, and releasing its residents from the obligation to pay taxes to Charlestown, provided that within two years they would erect a suitable church and hire a minister and a schoolmaster.

The Stone Zoo has long been a favorite local attraction in Stoneham offering visitors a chance to come close to over 72 animals from every continent.

We pray today for 31st Middlesex District Representative Mike Day and his staff.

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.

Changes in Joint Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced changes in joint standing committees, as follows:

That Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and that Mr. Vargas of Haverhill had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; Changes in joint standing committees.

That Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Education, and that Mr. Vargas of Haverhill had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Mr. Chan of Quincy had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Election Laws, and that Mr. Barrett of North Adams had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Mr. Chan of Quincy had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Health Care Financing, and that Mr. Barrett of North Adams had been appointed to the tenth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Changes in joint standing committees.

That Mr. Chan of Quincy had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Marijuana Policy, and that Mr. Barrett of North Adams had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, and that Mr. Vargas of Haverhill had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Resolutions.

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

Robert Bond.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Robert J. Bond on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel Ickes.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Daniel J. Ickes on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

David Willard.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peake of Provincetown, Vieira of Falmouth, Hunt of Sandwich, Whelan of Brewster, Fernandes of Falmouth and Crocker of Barnstable) congratulating David Willard upon the occasion of his retirement;

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Northbridge,—trust fund.

By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4084) of David K. Muradian, Jr., Michael O. Moore and Ryan C. Fatman (by vote of the town) relative to the funding of the other post-employment benefits liability trust fund in the town of Northbridge. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Somerville,—special police.

By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4085) of Mike Connolly and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of alderman) that the city of Somerville be authorized to increase the maximum age for appointment as a special police officer in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Power plants,—safety.

By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation to increase power plant safety preparedness by the Department of Public Health to a radius of fifty miles.

Reverse mortgages.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul Brodeur relative to the use of video conferencing for certain mortgages.

By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen Kulik, Paul W. Mark and Adam G. Hinds that the treasurer of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District be authorized to invest the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Trust Fund.

Mohawk Trail Regional School,—scholarship.

By Mr. Mirra of West Newbury (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Don Leone relative to the discharge of firearms near a dwelling or other building in use.

Firearms.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to establish the Massachusetts Code of Military Justice (Senate, No. 2236), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Code of military justice.

Bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham as the James J. Delaney II, USMC Veterans Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 1985, changed in line 2 by striking out the following: "UMSC" and inserting in place thereof the following: "USMC", in line 5 by striking out the word "Okinowa" and inserting in place thereof the word "Okinawa"; and in the title by striking out the following: "UMSC" and inserting in place thereof the following: "USMC") (on House No. 3425); and

Needham,—Delaney, USMC bridge.

Relative to quarterly taxes in the city of Lynn (Senate, No. 2222) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Lynn,—taxes.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A Bill authorizing the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Sheffield to the Great Barrington Housing Authority (Senate, No. 2102) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Sheffield,—land.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Theodore C. Speliotis, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to creditable service benefits for certain veterans; and

Veterans,—service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dawn Parmenter, an employee of the Department of Correction;

Dawn Parmenter,—sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the joint committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Local aid funds,— distribution.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1951) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to the distribution of funds to the Gaming Local Aid Fund and the Local Aid Stabilization Fund,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Fiscal notes,— unfunded mandates.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1949) of Hannah Kane, James Arciero and others for legislation to require that fiscal notes be attached to legislation providing unfunded mandates on municipal governments,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Appropriation bills,— estimates.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1950) of Jay R. Kaufman and James R. Miceli for legislation to require estimated amounts of appropriations for a subsequent fiscal year on appropriation bills,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue.

State budget,— growth.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2775) of James J. Lyons, Jr., and others relative to the growth of the state budget,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Salem,— liquor licenses.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert 2 seasonal licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2143) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in 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:

Salem,— liquor licenses.

Senate bills

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2140) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert 1 license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a liquor

license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2141) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2142) [Local Approval Received]; and

Salem,— liquor licenses.

The House Bill establishing the George Washington memorial highway (House, No. 1804);

Agawam,— highway.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to Medicaid (House, No. 508) [Representative Dooley of Norfolk dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Medicaid.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the licensing and supervision of debt management services in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2192). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Debt management,— licensing.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 507).

Insurance,— continuing education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 2811).

Debt collection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to life insurance (House, No. 3894).

Savings Bank Life Insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2170, a Bill to preserve the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (House, No. 4081).

Group auto insurance.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill to clarify and restate the applicability of the civil service laws to employee positions in the city of Framingham (printed in House, No. 4047).

Framingham,— civil service.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paola Pol, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3946, amended), 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.

Paola Pol,— 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 6 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 as signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Revere,—
Naples
plaque.

The engrossed Bill relative to placing a plaque at the Staff Sergeant Paul W. Cronin Memorial Arena in the city of Revere in honor of Roger Naples (see House, No. 3964, amended), 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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

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.

Bedford and
Carlisle,—
Hart-Desiato
bridge.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge connecting the towns of Bedford and Carlisle as the Hart-Desiato Bridge (see House, No. 4013), 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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

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.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting in the town of Berlin (see House, No. 3961, changed) (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.

Rosibel
Umanzor,—
sick leave.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rosibel Umanzor, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4007, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the position of director of public works in the town of West Boylston (House, No. 1433);

Relative to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority Capital Infrastructure Fund in the town of Stoughton (House, No. 3958); and Establishing a sick leave bank for Julie Rosenthal Morales, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4044);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to veterans' housing in the town of Agawam (printed as Senate, No. 2014), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Agawam,—
veterans.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 200 of the acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words ‘limited equity cooperative’.

SECTION 2. The deed from the commonwealth of Massachusetts to Soldier On Veterans Village II, LLC recorded in the Hampden county registry of deeds at book 18749, page 549 and all subsequent transfers and actions taken pursuant thereto are ratified, validated and confirmed.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (printed as Senate, No. 2014, amended) was 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seven minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.