

**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**

Thursday, December 21, 2017.

Met at nine 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:

Prayer. God of Light, we pray on this Winter Solstice Day, which reaches its fullness in just around twenty minutes. We are grateful for the slow, ever slow return of daylight that is to come. We recognize the wisdom and humility of our early ancestors who honored this darkest day of the year.

God of Hope, we pray for our elected officials here in this legislature and their staff. May all who work here also honor the darkness by living with a spirit of hope; that no matter how dark and foreboding the times may seem, may everyone know Your presence deep within.

Today we pray for all our former Representatives, living and deceased who sought to bring a little more light to the situations they faced. May those who serve this chamber today keep their minds and hearts fixed on Your hopeful light.

We also pray today for that region of our state that is the first to receive the sun's rays each day, Nauset Beach along the Orleans and Chatham coastline. Today then we pray especially for 4th Barnstable Representative Sarah Peake and her 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:

Erik Guethner. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Erik Daniel Guethner on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Sam Stowe. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Sam Stowe on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Sean Van Newkirk. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Sean Van Newkirk on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Scott Gustafson. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Warren) congratulating Chief Scott Gustafson of the Bondsville Fire Department in the town of Palmer on 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. McGonagle of Everett, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.*

Communications From the Fall River District Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law]; and

Fall River Registry of Deeds,— technology plan.

From the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report and its financial statements for the fiscal year 2017;

Merrimack Valley Transit Authority.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Representative Collins of Boston and Senator Brady presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins and Michael D. Brady relative to reviving and continuing the special commission established (under Chapter 298 of the Acts of 2016) to make an investigation and study of the cutting, welding and hot work processes regulated by the State Fire Code; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Cutting, welding and hot work processes,— study.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. 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 resolve) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cullinane of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4086) of Daniel Cullinane (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to boards and commissions in the city of Boston; and

Boston,— boards and commissions.

By Representative Hill of Ipswich and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4087) of Bradford Hill and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to the town manager in the town of Ipswich;

Ipswich,— town manager.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Ruth B. Balsler and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Newton be authorized to lease the John W. Weeks School for up to 99 years and grant a lease extension to the current lessee notwithstanding certain procurement laws. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Newton,— Weeks school.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Barnstable  
County,—  
retirement.

Mr. Whelan of Brewster presented a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 7A) of Timothy R. Whelan and others for legislation to establish an early retirement incentive program for Barnstable County; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*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:

Residential  
contracting  
agreements.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante for legislation to further regulate residential contracting agreements. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Mohawk Trail  
Regional  
School  
District.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Education.

Power plant  
safety  
preparedness.

Petition (accompanied by bill) Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation to increase power plant safety preparedness by the Department of Public Health to a fifty mile radius. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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

Jason  
Wendover,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Wendover, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2082, amended), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Subsequently under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Meschino of Hull, 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:

Needham,—  
Delaney  
bridge.

Senate bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham as the James J. Delaney II, USMC Veterans Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 1985, changed); and

Lynn,—  
taxes.

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

House bills

Firefighters.  
Life insurance.

Clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 1431);

Relative to life insurance (House, No. 3894);

Salisbury,—  
commissioners.

Relative to the town of Salisbury Board of License Commissioners (House, No. 4029) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the dissolution of the Milford Water Company and the acquisition of its assets by the town of Milford (House, No. 4055) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—  
water.

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.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill 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), 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.

Third  
reading  
bill.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 2811), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Debt  
collection.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The House Bill further regulating the Massachusetts Port Authority community advisory committee (House, No. 3803) (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.

Massport,—  
community  
advisory  
committee.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Meschino of Hull moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4088), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rosibel Umanzor, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see House, No. 4007, 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.

Rosibel  
Umanzor,—  
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 4 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.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Bills  
enacted.

## Engrossed bills

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 (see Senate, No. 2141);

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 (see Senate, No. 2143);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Establishing a municipal light commission in the city known as the town of Greenfield (see House, No. 2705, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next  
sitting.

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representative Brodeur of Melrose then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Robert M. McCarthy, a member of the House in 1993; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four 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 Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.