

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Tuesday, December 26, 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).

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.

### *Messages from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4092), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 22. Bonds,—  
terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 17G, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to ensuring compliance with federal standards regarding the handling of federal tax information (House, No. 4093), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 22. Federal standards,—  
tax handling.

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

### *Monthly Report.*

The monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for December 2017, was placed on file. Unemployment  
Trust Fund.

### *Petition.*

Mr. Dooley of Norfolk presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley relative to the definition of consistent with local needs under the affordable housing law; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Affordable  
housing,—  
local need.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill further regulating the administration of the oath of office of members of the city council and the school committee in the city of Malden (House, No. 4076) (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 in section 1, in lines 13 and 14, striking out the following "the city council may choose an alternate date to fall within the first 8 days of the year" and Malden,—  
oaths of  
office.

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inserting in place thereof the words “, the oath required shall be administered on the first Tuesday of that year”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Senate bills

Moyamoya  
day.

Designating May 6 as Moyamoya Disease Awareness Day (Senate, No. 1723) (on a petition); and

Elizabeth  
O'Brien,—  
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth O'Brien, an employee of the Department of the Attorney General (Senate, No. 2176, amended in line 6 by striking out the words “department paid” and inserting in place thereof the words “extended illness”; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of the attorney general, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”) (on a petition);

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.

Reports of Committees.

Group auto  
insurance.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill to preserve the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (House, No. 4081), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: “An Act preserving the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans.”. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Maritime  
planning.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to establish an office of maritime planning and policy development (House, No. 1896).

License  
plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a license plate replacement program (House, No. 1899).

Homeless,—  
identification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide identification to homeless youth and families (House, No. 2737).

Motorcycles,—  
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a motorcycle safety fund (House, No. 3409).

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Wendover, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2082, 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.

Jason  
Wendover,—  
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 2 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James McGonagle, an employee of the State Lottery Commission (see House, No. 4060, 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.

James  
McGonagle,—  
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 2 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 was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting held in the town of North Reading (see House bill printed in House, No. 4024) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Exempting all uniformed positions in the fire department of the town of Plainville from the civil service law (see House, No. 3864); and

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Swampscott to grant 8 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3931);

(Which severally 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.

*Orders of the Day.*Lynn,—  
taxes.

The Senate Bill relative to quarterly taxes in the city of Lynn (Senate, No. 2222), 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.

*Recess.*

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At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before twelve o'clock noon; and at ten minutes before twelve o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

*Engrossed Bills.*Bills  
enacted.

Engrossed bills  
Relative to quarterly taxes in the city of Lynn (see Senate, No. 2222) (which originated in the Senate); and

Further regulating the administration of the oath of office of members of the city council and the school committee in the city of Malden (see House, No. 4076, 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.*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.

Representative Silvia of Fall River then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Henry S. Gillet, Jr., a member of the House from Fall River in 1977 and 1978; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.