

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 28, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 Frost and Chill, we pray for the many citizens of our Commonwealth who are facing record-breaking cold weather. We are thankful for those who are required to work outside today and we pray for all who are in harm's way. Prayer.

Tomorrow, December 29th, marks the anniversary of the 1752 birth of Nathan Dane, a lawyer from Ipswich who was a member of this House from 1782 until his selection as a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1785. There he helped draft the Northwest Ordinance which secured the land north of the Ohio River for the United States. Wisconsin's capital, Madison, is situated in Dane County.

Nathan Dane was also known for his eight volume work on American law. He used the proceeds of this work to donate funds to Harvard Law School. For a while the school was called the Dane Law School. His name is engraved on the frieze of this Chamber. May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Webelo Den 1, Pack 62 from Shrewsbury, as well as their families and Den Leader Jason Gardner. At the invitation of the Chair, Pack 62 participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury,—
Webelo
Den 1,
Pack 62.

During the session, the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Webelos from Arlington. They were the guests of Mr. Garballey of Arlington. Arlington,—
Webelos.

Communication.

A communication from the Capital Debt Affordability Committee of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 60B(f) of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the committee's estimate of the total amount of new Commonwealth debt that may be prudently authorized for the next fiscal year, was placed on file. Capital
debt.

Annual Report.

MBTA,—
control
board.
The annual report of the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board (under Section 207 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) on its revenue, operating budget, capital plan and progress toward meeting performance metrics and targets, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Melrose,—
charter.
By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4102) of Paul Brodeur (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) relative to revisions to the charter of the city of Melrose; and

Webster,—
land.
By Mr. McKenna of Webster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4103) of Joseph D. McKenna (by vote of the town) relative to a certain conservation restriction in the town of Webster;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Drivers'
licenses and
identification
cards.
By Representative Ultrino of Malden and Senator L'Italien, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino, Barbara A. L'Italien and others relative to the fees for application for certain drivers' licenses and state identification cards for non-drivers.

Net
neutrality.
By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to assure net neutrality by Internet service providers and the equal treatment of data on the Internet, and to prohibit discrimination or charge disparity of user, content, website, platform, application, type of attached equipment or method of communication.

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

Paper from the Senate.

United States
Constitution,—
amendments
convention.
A report of the committee on Election Laws, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 379) of James B. Eldridge, Carmine L. Gentile, Jennifer E. Benson, Jennifer L. Flanagan and other members of the General Court for legislation for a United States constitutional amendment and amendments convention,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Framingham,—
candidates.
By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill requiring candidates for mayor and council in Framingham to adhere to and report in accordance with Section 19 of Chapter 55 (printed in House, No. 4046). 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. Walsh of Framingham, 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 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 relative to candidates for mayor and city council in Framingham.". Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Framingham,—
civil
service.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Framingham, 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 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 clarifying the applicability of the civil service laws to employee positions in the city of Framingham.". Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 3711) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Sandwich,—
private
ways.

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

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to student driver safety (House, No. 2761), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Student
drivers,—
safety.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the town of Weston town meeting (House, No. 3873) [Local Approval Received].

Weston,—
town
meeting.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 1871, a Bill relative to the move over law (House, No. 4100).

Move over
law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3457, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Port Authority community advisory committee (House, No. 4101).

Massport,—
advisory
committee.

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

Emergency Measures.

William Cuttle,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Cuttle, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 4021), 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 LXXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 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 as signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Group auto insurance.

The engrossed Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto insurance plans (see House, No. 4081), 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 LXXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 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 as signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Lynnfield relative to the date of holding the regular election (see House, No. 3977) (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.

Recess.

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At twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes after two o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair.

Order.

Next Sitting.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Representatives DeLeo of Winthrop and Galvin of Canton then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Joseph F. Timilty, a member of the Senate from 1972 to 1984, inclusive; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, at five minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M. in an Informal Session.