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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020.**

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Thursday, June 11, 2020.

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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

## *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester and Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Rutland Police Department Detective John D. Songy, who passed away recently after battling COVID-19.

Rutland Police Department  
Detective  
John D. Songy.

Detective Songy began his career in law enforcement as a patrolman with the Oakham Police Department before joining the Rutland Police Department in 2012. He served the last several years as the department's detective, receiving numerous commendations.

Detective Songy leaves behind his wife Joanne, children, grandchildren, parents, nephews, a sister and a grandfather. Detective Songy cared about everyone he met and passionately dedicated his life to keeping others safe. He fell in love with his community and they fell in love with him. Detective Songy will be truly missed.

## *Special Communications.*

The following communications, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

June 10, 2020.

*To the Honorable House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the second day of June, 2020, for Representative in the General Court, 3rd Bristol District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Returns of votes for Representative in the Third Bristol District.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Very truly yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

June 10, 2020.

*To the Honorable House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the second day of June, 2020, for Representative in the General Court, 37th Middlesex District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

Returns of  
votes for  
Representative  
in the Thirty-  
seventh  
Middlesex District.

Very truly yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

The communications severally were read; and, there being no objection, they were placed on file.

*Qualification of Members-elect.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed himself as a special committee of the House to conduct Representatives-elect Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District, and Danillo A. Sena, member-elect from the Thirty-Seventh Middlesex District, to the Grand Staircase to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then announced that said special committee of the House had completed the assignment, and that Representatives Doherty and Sena had, on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and were now duly qualified as members of the House.

Representatives-  
elect Carol A.  
Doherty and  
Danillo A. Sena,—  
qualification.

Id.

*Orders.*

The following order (filed by Ms. Khan of Newton) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

*Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4732.

Children,  
Families and  
Persons with  
Disabilities,—  
extension  
of time for

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4786), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4718.

Housing committee,—  
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4787), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until Tuesday, June 30, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4744.

Judiciary committee,—  
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4785), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Communication.*

A communication from the State Retiree Benefits Trust (“HST”) Board (under Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for the fiscal year 2021 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Public Service], was placed on file.

Retiree Benefits Trust Board,—  
budget.

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Capano of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter Capano and others relative to municipal enforcement of COVID-19 safety regulations.

COVID-19,—  
enforcement.

By Messrs. Crocker of Barnstable and Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 7A) of William L. Crocker, Jr., and Timothy R. Whelan that Michael Cheung be authorized to purchase certain creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board.

Michael Cheung,—  
creditable service.

By Representative Mariano of Quincy and Senator Keenan, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ronald Mariano and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alexandra Jordankova, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Alexandra Jordankova,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark that the Massachusetts Teachers’ Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to Susan Floyd.

Susan Floyd,—  
creditable service.

By Mr. Santiago of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jon Santiago for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Greta Long, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

Greta Long,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David T. Vieira and Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul McBrien, an employee of the Trial Court.

Paul McBrien,—  
sick leave.

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

### *Papers from the Senate.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to ensure the collection of COVID-19 data (Senate, No. 2753), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

COVID-19,—  
data collection.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until July 22, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1924, 1940, 1950, 1952, 1958, 1959, 1963, 1966, 1969, 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2514, and House documents numbered 2810, 2836, 2849 and 3667, relative to telecommunications, utilities and energy matters.

Telecommuni-  
cations, Utilities  
and Energy,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, the order (Senate, No. 2743) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill revising the town charter of Lunenburg (Senate, No. 2754) (on Senate bill No. 2557) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lunenburg,—  
charter.

### *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 petition of Hannah Kane and others relative to driver education. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, 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.

Driver  
education.

By Mr. Cullinane of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to create a Massachusetts rare disease advisory council (House, No. 4268), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Rare disease  
advisory  
council.

By Mr. Cullinane of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to reduce racial disparities in maternal health (House, No. 4448), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Maternal  
health.

By Mr. Cullinane of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1198) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Health  
disparities.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4475) (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.

Bill  
enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Relative to certain affordable housing in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4438); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages on the premises to Lanni Orchards (House, No. 4644);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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.

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At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (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.