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JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.

Monday, April 28, 2014.

Met at three minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. DiDomenico in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. DiDomenico), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Distinguished Guests.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. DiDomenico) handed the gavel to Mr. Timilty for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Timilty then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, the Walpole Girls Field Hockey State Championship Team. The team was recognized for defeating Longmeadow 1-0 in the Division 1 state championship game and for ending the season with a record of 23-0-1. This was the team's 11th state championship title and first since 2006. They were also recognized for having earned the Bay State League Title, the South Sectional Title and the Eastern MA Championship. The Senate applauded their accomplishments and they withdrew from the Chamber.

There being no objection, the Chair (Mr. DiDomenico) handed the gavel to Mr. Tarr for the purpose of an introduction. Mr. Tarr then introduced, in the rear of the Chamber, Sofia Berg. Sofia is a K9 officer with the Swedish National Police. During her trip to the USA, Officer Berg, a member of the Sweden Section of the International Police Association (IPA), officially met with IPA members from the U.S. Section, Region 12 in Massachusetts. The Senate welcomed her with applause and she withdrew from the Chamber.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Keenan, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, Nos. 987, 989, 992, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1007, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1014, 1018, 1019, 1021, 1022, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1030, 1033, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1042, 1043, 1046, 1047, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1054, 1055, 1060, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1089, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1104, 1108, 1886, 1954 and 1976, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public health issues (Senate, No. 2114); and

By Mr. Brownsberger, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, Nos. 719, 1203, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1215, 1216, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1227, 1228, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1818 and 1943, an Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to public service issues (Senate, No. 2113);

Severally, under Joint Rule 29, referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Committee Discharged.

Mr. Rosenberg, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents relative to revenue issues (Senate, No. 2111),-- **and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**
Under Senate Rule 36, the report was considered forthwith and accepted.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Bills

Providing the terms of certain bonds encouraging the improvement, expansion and development of military installations in the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3982,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor);
Relative to workforce reform (House, No. 4026,-- on Senate, No. 882 and House, No. 1750); and
Establishing the Nantucket mosquito control project (House, No. 4035, amended,-- on House, No. 760);
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means

A Bill relative to the assessment or betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Harwich (printed in House, No. 3869,-- being a message from His Excellency the Governor),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Ethics and Rules.**

Bills

Relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Truro restricted as affordable housing (House, No. 2693,-- on petition) [Local approval received]; and
Relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Stow (House, No. 3935,-- on petition) [Local approval received];
Were severally read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

Resolutions

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Donnelly, Brewer and Brownsberger, Ms. Candaras, Messrs. DiDomenico, Downing, Eldridge, Finegold, Keenan, Kennedy, Michael O. Moore and Richard T. Moore, Ms. Spilka and Messrs. Welch and Wolf) "on the celebration of North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGee) "congratulating Marian Court College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary";
Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGee, Ms. O'Connor-Ives and Mr. Tarr) "congratulating the Triton High School Varsity Cheerleading Team on its undefeated season and 2014 Division III State Championship"; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Welch) "congratulating the Roger L. Putnam Vocational-Technical Academy Boys Varsity Basketball Team on its 2014 Season and Division I State Championship."

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Emergency Preamble Adopted.

An engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexander Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 1968), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage and containing an emergency preamble,-- **was laid before the Senate; and, a separate vote being taken in accordance with the requirements of Article LXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the preamble was adopted in concurrence, by a vote of 2 to 0.**
The bill was signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and sent to the House for enactment.

Matters Taken Out of the Orders of the Day.

There being no objection, the following matters were taken out of the Orders of the Day and considered, as follows:
The House Bill relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Newton (House, No. 3864),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

The House Bill relative to the Harbormaster in the City of New Bedford (House, No. 3896),-- **was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows: "An Act relative to the appointment of the Harbormaster in the City of New Bedford".**

Reports of Committees.

Report of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2051) of Benjamin B. Downing and Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of Police Chief Gary Wickland [Local approval received].
There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the matter was considered forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Downing, the report was amended by substituting a “Bill authorizing the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of police chief Gary Wickland” (Senate, No. 2051); and the bill was read. Under Senate Rule 26, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.

By Mr. Brewer, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christine Green, an employee of the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital (House, No. 3957),-- **ought to pass, with the following amendments: by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2115; by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof 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 mental health, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Christine Green, an employee of the Department of Mental Health”.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Tarr, and the bill was read a second time and was amended, as recommended by the committee on Ways and Means.

The bill, as amended, was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with the amendments.

Sent to the House for concurrence in the amendments.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4057) of Josh S. Cutler relative to reducing certain fees associated with veterans' registration plates,-- **was referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

Engrossed Bills.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were severally passed to be enacted and were signed by the Acting President (Mr. DiDomenico) and laid before the Governor for his approbation, to wit:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alexander Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 1968);

Relative to the withdrawal of the town of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District (see House, No. 3815, amended); and

Relative to the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School District (see House, No. 3959, amended).

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session with a calendar.

On motion of the same Senator, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.