

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE SENATE.**



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017.**

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Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Met at nine minutes past one o'clock P.M.

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The Senator from Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex, Mr. Ross, led the members, guests and staff in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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Pledge of allegiance.

### *Communication.*

Communication from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its Ride for Hire Task Force Interim Report (received June 30, 2017),-- **was placed on file.**

MassDOT,-- ride for hire interim report. SD2253

### *Reports.*

The following reports were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Report of Massachusetts Legislative Task Force on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (pursuant to Section 31 of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its findings and recommendations relative to child sexual abuse prevention (received June 29, 2017); and

Children's Trust,-- task force final report. SD2251

Report of the Department of Environmental Protection (pursuant to Section 52 of Chapter 286 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its comprehensive review of the revised Water Management Act permit requirements (received June 30, 2017).

DEP,-- WMA permit requirements. SD2254

### *Petition.*

Ms. Lovely presented a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Dancy, an employee of the Department of Mental Health;

Michelle Dancy,-- sick leave. SD2252

**Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.**

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Moore, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to exchange a parcel of land held for conservation purposes for a parcel of land in the town of Plymouth (Senate, No. 2085) [Local approval received];

Plymouth,-- land exchange.

**Read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

## PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

The following petition, having been timely filed by 5 o'clock P.M. on January 20, 2017, was referred in concurrence as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3716) of Geoff Diehl, David F. DeCoste and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to the regulation of certain elections by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance;

OCPF,-- regulation of elections.

**To the committee on Election Laws.**

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3786) of Daniel Cahill and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the Department of Inspectional Services in the city of Lynn; and

Lynn,--Inspectional Services Dept.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3787) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Richard J. Ross (by vote of the town) that the town of North Attleborough be authorized to sell certain property located at 616 Towne Street in said town;

North Attleborough,-  
- land conveyance.

**Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3791) of Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to continue the employment of John Lasalle as a call firefighter;

Whately,-- call firefighter.

**To the committee on Public Service.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3792) of Dylan Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to impose a room occupancy tax on vacation and leisure accommodations;

Falmouth,-- occupancy tax.

**To the committee on Revenue.**

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Banks, an employee of the West Roxbury District Court (House, No. 3783,-- on petition),-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 27, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.**

David Banks,-- sick leave.

A Bill establishing the first week in August as ice bucket challenge week (House, No. 1697,-- on petition),- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, referred to the committee on Rules.**

Ice bucket challenge week.

A Bill authorizing the town of Rehoboth to transfer a conservation easement on a certain parcel of land (House, No. 1102,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- **was read and, under Senate Rule 26, placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session.**

Rehoboth,-- land easement.

Report of the committee on Public Health asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1148) of Michael S. Day and others relative to the treatment of epilepsy and seizure disorders,-- and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,-- **was considered forthwith, under Senate Rule 36, and accepted, in concurrence.**

Epilepsy and seizure disorders.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Connor) "congratulating Marcus Rowland of the town of Cohasset on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout".

Marcus Rowland.

*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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to lease certain land (Senate, No. 1152),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.**

Wareham,-- land lease.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

The House Bill exempting certain uniformed positions in the fire department of the city of Marlborough from the civil service law (House, No. 2782) (its title having been change by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading),-- **was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.**

Marlborough,--  
civil service  
exemptions.

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*Engrossed Bill.*

An engrossed Bill validating the actions taken by the town of Templeton at the annual town meeting held on May 14, 2016 (see Senate Bill, printed in Senate, No. 2065) (which originated in the Senate), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage was passed to be enacted, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, and signed by the President and laid before the Governor for his approbation.**

Bill laid before the  
Governor.

Petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, as follows, to wit:

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3795) of Daniel M. Donahue and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Linda Boudria, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and

Linda Boudria,-- sick  
leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3796) of Aaron Vega for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection;

Edward Gates,-- sick  
leave.

**Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.**

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3797) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., Todd M. Smola and others for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Sturbridge as the Trooper Thomas L. Clardy Memorial Bridge; and

Trooper Thomas L.  
Clardy Memorial  
Bridge,-- Sturbridge.

Petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3798) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., Peter J. Durant and others for legislation to designate a certain road in the town of Charlton as the Trooper Thomas L. Clardy Way;

Trooper Thomas L.  
Clardy Way,--  
Charlton.

**Severally, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Ross,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow next at one o'clock P.M., in a full formal session without a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at thirteen minutes past one o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.