

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 14, 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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God of Hope and Peace, we pray on this cold morning for the members of our House of Representatives and their staff. We thank You for the energy and goodwill each person brings to this workplace. Bless our visitors with safety and a deep appreciation of the rich history our Commonwealth has to offer.

Tomorrow marks the 290th anniversary of the incorporation of Shrewsbury, a town in Worcester County with a population of 35,000. Its namesake in England was the site of an ancient Benedictine monastery.

Our Shrewsbury became a center for Shay's Rebellion, the revolt by farmers after the Revolutionary War that sought to prevent foreclosures on farms and debt collections. One of Shrewsbury's commercial enterprises, Hebert Candies, is known throughout the country as the producer of chocolate bars and other candy that are sold for fundraisers. In 2006, the last American survivor of the sinking of the Titanic, Lilian Asplund, died in Shrewsbury at the age of 99. Today we pray for 11th Worcester District Representative Hannah Kane and her staff, along with Shrewsbury native Lieutenant-Governor Karyn Polito and her staff.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance. 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.

Silent Tributes.

Sandy Hook Elementary School, anniversary. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in recognition of the five year anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, and to honor the memory of the children and adults who lost their lives that day.

James Mullen. At the request of Mr. Collins of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute to the memory of James Mullen of South Boston. Mr. Mullen served in the United States Air Force. He was a proud member of Local 11, where he worked as a stagehand for over 50 years, and of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council. He is survived by his wife Marie, children James and Michael, as well as many loving grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to promote housing choices (House, No. 4075), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, December 11. Housing choices.

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

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, students from the Curtis Middle School of Sudbury. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury. Sudbury,—Curtis Middle School.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Joseph Andrew Moran on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Joseph Moran.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating John F. Barrett on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; John Barrett.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Han M. Lambert on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Han Lambert.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Lance T. Olsen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Lance Olsen.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Samuel G. Spinney on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Samuel Spinney.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Alexander A. Troisi on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Alexander Troisi.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Vieira of Falmouth and Fernandes of Falmouth) recognizing December 21, 2017 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day; Homeless persons.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications From Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General laws) submitting its Basic Financial Statements and Supplementary Data for fiscal year ended June 30, 2017; Cape Cod Transit.

Soldiers' Homes. From the Department of Veterans' Services (see Section 16(b) of Chapter 141 of the Acts 2016) submitting its report on the state of the Commonwealth's two Soldiers' Homes; and
 Pioneer Valley Transit. From Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2017;
 Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Ayer,—town clerk. Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:
 By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to establish an appointed position of town clerk in said town;
 Ayer,—tree warden. By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4078) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to establish the position of tree warden in said town;
 Ayer,—treasurer-collector. By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to establish the position of treasurer-collector in said town; and
 Ayer,—town manager. By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Ayer be authorized to establish an appointed town manager in said town;
 Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills
 Salem,—liquor licenses. Authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2140) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];
 Id. Authorizing the city of Salem to convert 1 license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2141) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];
 Id. Authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2142) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and
 Id. Authorizing the city of Salem to convert 2 seasonal licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to annual licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2143) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];
 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.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2237) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to safe internet access in schools. To the committee on Education. Schools,—internet access.
 Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2238) of John F. Keenan and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation relative to surplus lines insurance premiums. To the committee on Financial Services. Insurance,—premiums.
 Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2239) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Smitty Pignatelli and Diana DiZoglio for legislation to establish a newborn health and safe sleep pilot program. To the committee on Public Health. Newborns,—health and sleep.

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 following petitions:
 Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marjorie C. Decker and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to authorize the establishment of the Massachusetts robotics center. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Robotics center.
 Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Bruce J. Ayers, John F. Keenan and Tackey Chan for legislation to designate a certain park in the city of Quincy as the Richard "Dick" Herbert memorial park. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Quincy,—Herbert park.
 Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:
 Relative to shellfish reefs and water quality (House, No. 2135); Reefs.
 Relative to the annual observance of Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps Remembrance Day (House, No. 2658); Women's Defense Corps.
 Relative to the Fort Devens Museum (House, No. 3370); Fort Devens.
 Authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (House, No. 3865) [Local Approval Received]; Michael Trovato.
 Providing for the purchase of the Milford Water Company by the town of Milford (House, No. 3978) [Local Approval Received]; Milford Water Company.
 Relative to special police officers in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4030) [Local Approval Received]; Burlington—special police.
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Julie Rosenthal Morales, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4044); Julie Rosenthal Morales.
 Relative to counterfeit airbag prohibition (House, No. 4051); and Airbags.
 Establishing a sick leave bank for Deirdre Dacey, an employee of the Parole Board (House, No. 4059); Deirdre Dacey,—sick leave.
 Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Colleges,—
health
care.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill to clarify comparable health care coverage (House, No. 642). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Smoking,—
taxation.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, No. 1614, a Bill combatting illegal tobacco and preventing further loss of revenue to the Commonwealth (House, No. 4065).

Cranberry
bogs,—
tax credits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2654, a Bill relative to a cranberry bog renovation tax credit (House, No. 4067). Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Dunstable,—
park
commissioners.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Board of Park Commissioners of the town of Dunstable (House, No. 4049) [Local Approval Received].

Milford,—
water
company.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the dissolution of the Milford Water Company and the acquisition of its assets by the town of Milford (House, No. 4055) [Local Approval Received].

Sandwich,—
private
ways.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 3711) [Local Approval Received].

East
Bridgewater,—
tax titles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1505, a Bill relative to tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater (House, No. 4064) [Local Approval Received].

Property
valuation,—
electronic
filing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1636, a Bill relative to the electronic filing of certain forms used in property valuation (House, No. 4066).

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

Emergency Measures.

Marlene
Ayash,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marlene M. Ayash, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3945), 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 LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 7 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.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Waltham (see House, No. 3975, 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.

Waltham,—
land.

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 7 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.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3941) (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paola Pol, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3946), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Paola Pol.—
sick leave.

The House Bill relative to the civil service eligibility list for police officers in the city of Quincy (House, No. 3938), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Quincy,—
civil
service.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Malden (House, No. 4070), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Malden,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4076), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.