

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 11, 2016.

Met at five minutes after 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, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

The following message was received from the office of His Excellency the Governor, to wit:—

Governor,—
list of
pardons.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MA 02133

January 5, 2016.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with Chapter 127, Section 152 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I submit herewith a report of the exercise of the pardoning power by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015:

Pardons (issued by Governor Deval L. Patrick)	2
Commutations	0

Respectfully,

CHARLES D. BAKER,
Governor.

The message (House, No. 3941) was read; and it was sent to the Senate for its information.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bradley of Hingham and other members of the House) congratulating William R. "Bill" Farmer on his retirement as the Executive Director of the Plymouth County Retirement Association;

William
Farmer.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) commending the Arlington METCO program on its fiftieth anniversary; and

Arlington
METCO.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Michael M. Travalent on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Michael
Travalent.

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. Scaccia 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.

Communication.

Hydroelectric
power
sites.

A communication from the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 47 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012) relative to the status of a study into the process for reactivation of pre-existing hydroelectric power sites, including a review by said department of all necessary permitting and approvals to determine whether and how the process can be expedited and streamlined, was placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Annual Reports

Bristol
District,—
wiretaps.

Of the Office of the District Attorney for the Bristol District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting wiretap interceptions for the year 2015;

Cape and
Islands,—
wiretaps.

Of the Office of the District Attorney for the Cape and Islands District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting interceptions of wire and oral communications for the calendar year 2015;

Norfolk
district,—
wiretaps.

Of the Office of the District Attorney for the Norfolk District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting statistics of interceptions during the year 2015; and

Worcester
district,—
wiretaps.

Of the Office of the District Attorney of the Worcester Trial Court (under Section 99 (R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) indicating that said office made no applications for wiretap warrants during the calendar year 2015;

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Charlton and
Southbridge,—
water charges.

Representative Durant of Spencer and Senator Gobi presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town of Charlton) that the town of Charlton be authorized to collect outstanding water charges due under an inter-municipal agreement with the town of Southbridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

East Boston,—
affordable
housing.

A Bill further regulating certain affordable housing in the East Boston section of the city of Boston (Senate, No. 1966) (on a petition) [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.

Reports of Committees.

Substance
abuse and
treatment,—
procedures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Bill relative to substance use, treatment, education and prevention (House, No. 3926) (for order,

see House, No. 3942).

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Jones of North Reading moved to amend it in line 5 by striking out the following: "five P.M. on Tuesday, January 12" and inserting in place thereof the following: "ten A.M. on Wednesday, January 13". The amendment was adopted.

The order (House, No. 3942, amended) then also was adopted.

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 Kay Khan and others relative to persons under the age of 22 with special needs. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Special
needs,—
services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to relief from liabilities on joint tax returns. To the committee on Revenue.

Joint tax
returns,—
liabilities.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of East Bridgewater (printed as Senate, No. 1953) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House:

East
Bridgewater,—
recall
elections.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 2958, 2976, 3014 and 3095, a Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (House, No. 3095). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

School bus
safety.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3033).

Breakdown
lanes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring medical exams for certain school bus drivers (House, No. 3544).

School bus
drivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the U.S. Navy Lt. Jr. Ralph Wallace Burns memorial bridge (House, No. 3801, changed in section 1, in lines 2 and 3, by striking out, in each instance, the following: "Lt. Jr." and inserting in place thereof the words "Lieutenant Junior Grade").

Harwich,—
Ralph
Wallace
Burns
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain traffic island in the town of Hingham as the Frank Massa memorial island (House, No. 3808).

Hingham,—
Frank
Massa
island.

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

Minors,—
sexual
orientation.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (House, No. 97), be scheduled for consideration by the House; and under Rule 7A, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills
Establishing a department of public works in the town of Plainville (see Senate, No. 2037) (which originated in the Senate); and
Further regulating the authority of the town manager in the town of Duxbury to negotiate and execute certain contracts (see House, No. 3343, amended) (which originated in the House);
Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and it were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third
reading
bills.

Senate bills
Authorizing the town of Dalton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 1927, amended); and
Authorizing the town of Mount Washington to establish, own and operate broadband infrastructure services and to issue bonds and notes therefor (Senate, No. 1978);
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, in concurrence.

Id.

House bills
Designating a certain basketball court in the city of Boston as the Richard “Jazz” Maffie memorial basketball court (House, No. 2760) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);
Authorizing the town of Sheffield to appoint certain members to the conservation commission (House, No. 3749); and
Relative to certain bonds issued by the town of Hull (House, No. 3855);
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.

Next
sitting.

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

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.