

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 20, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Moran of Boston 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. Moran of Boston), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representatives Nangle of Lowell and Mom of Lowell, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Eileen C. Golden, mother of State Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr. Eileen C. Golden.

Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, Eileen was employed for over 40 years as an x-ray technician at Saint John's Hospital, and following her retirement she was a volunteer coordinator at the Lowell Senior Center, and was a member and former president of the East End Club Ladies Auxiliary. Eileen loved dancing, the beach, and celebrating her Irish heritage, but above all else she cherished the happy times she spent with her children and grandchildren.

Eileen is survived by her three children, Karen Golden, Eileen Trott and her husband Kenneth, and Thomas and his wife Joane, as well as four grandchildren, Kenneth, Sean, Abigail, and Lillian. She was also the mother of the late Mary Beth Golden.

Appointments to a Special Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representatives Donato of Medford and Moran of Boston to the special legislative commission established (under Section 20 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2016) to examine the accessibility of information concerning the legislative process of the General Court and the expansion of the definition of public records. General Court records,—accessibility commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen and other members of the House) recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Alcohol Awareness Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives DiZoglio of Methuen, Campbell of Methuen, Kelcourse of Amesbury, Lyons of Andover, Matias of Lawrence and Moran of Lawrence) recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Caitlin Donahue on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America; Caitlin Donahue.

Julie Han. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Julie Han on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America;

Katie McMahon. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Katie McMahon on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America;

Maggie Pickard. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Maggie Pickard on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America;

Eliza Sheehan. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Eliza Sheehan on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America;

Eleanor Spellman. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Eleanor Spellman on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America;

Destination Imagination Day. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muradian of Grafton) commending Massachusetts Destination Imagination on its observance of April 1, 2017 as Massachusetts Destination Imagination Day; and

Sheila Vanderhoef. Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Sheila Vanderhoef on her retirement;

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. Nangle of Lowell, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

Plymouth District Attorney.—A communication from the District Attorney of Plymouth County (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Salem.—By Mr. Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2793) of Paul Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Shrewsbury.—By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2795) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to residency requirements of the town manager of the town of Shrewsbury. To the committee on Public Service.

Nantucket.—By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2794) of Dylan Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to impose real estate transfer fees for certain housing. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for the imposition of a moratorium on the enactment of new mandated health benefits.

Health benefits,—moratorium.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to requiring that the health care cost growth benchmark be equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product.

Health care,—growth benchmark.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph F. Wagner and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kevin Blake, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Kevin Blake,—sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2040) of Michael D. Brady, Gerard Cassidy, Claire D. Cronin and Michelle M. DuBois (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Brockton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Brockton,—special police officers.

A petition of Sal N. DiDomenico and Daniel J. Ryan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ramona Foster, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Ramona Foster,—sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2042) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Report of the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight on Executive Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2017.

In accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, to whom was referred Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2017 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) to reorganize the Department of Public Safety (see House, No. 68) [for report, see Senate document numbered 2037],—reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan Number 1 “ought to be approved”.

Reorganization plan Number 1.

Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being, “Shall this reorganization plan be approved?”.

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 James R. Miceli for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Visco, an employee of the Department of Public Health. To the committee on Public Service.

Marie Visco,—sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to prohibit the use of state funds to purchase bottled water. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Bottled water,—purchase restrictions.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.