

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

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).

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.

Communication.

Worcester
Transit
Authority.

A communication from the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended June 30, 2015, was placed on file.

Monthly Report.

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for November, 2015, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Transporta-
tion,—
financing.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus relative to supplemental infrastructure financing for transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Walpole,—
liquor
licenses.

Representative Kafka of Stoughton and Senator Timilty presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3872) of Louis L. Kafka and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Walpole be authorized to issue five licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Adams,—
land.

A Bill designating certain lands in the town of Adams for conservation and public recreational purposes (Senate, No. 1631) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate,
to wit:—

November 25, 2015.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, President of the Senate has announced the appointments (pursuant to Chapter 259 of the Acts of 2014) of Senator James B. Eldridge and Julia Blatt to the Water Infrastructure Advisory Commission.

Water
Infrastructure
Advisory
Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

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 Christopher M. Markey relative to the appointment of a fire chief in Dartmouth fire district No. 2; and

Dartmouth fire
district No. 2.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lisa Hershowitz, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Lisa
Hershowitz,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 1934 and 2063, a Bill relative to micro-bead free waters (House, No. 1934).

Plastic beads,—
ban.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1947, a Bill to establish a lupus erythematosus study and registry (House, No. 3869).

Lupus,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1128 and House, No. 2051, a Bill to increase access to immunizations (House, No. 3870).

Immunizations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1888 and 1946, a Bill relative to diabetes prevention (House, No. 3871).

Diabetes
prevention.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to enhance tourism at the State House (House No. 2926).

State House,—
tourism.

Poet laureate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to create the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House No. 2927).

Public art.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a commission to study art in public spaces (House No. 2928).

Nelson Mandela.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a special commission to consider an appropriate tribute to Nelson Mandela in the city of Boston (House No. 2929).

Architect laureate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the architect laureate (House No. 2931).

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

Cultural facilities.

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill establishing a design certification program for cultural facilities and programming (House No. 2921).

Connecticut River.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Connecticut River rowing facility (House No. 2924).

Springfield,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the acquisition of land, the development and construction of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House No. 2930).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cultural councils.

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to expand membership opportunities in local cultural councils (House, No. 2923).

Cape Cod,—fire district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to funding public libraries and the C.O.M.M. fire district (House, No. 3535).

Fall River,—Joaquin overpass.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain overpass in the city of Fall River as the Patrolman Edward Joaquin memorial overpass (House, No. 3794).

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Wareham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 1931, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Establishing a 3-member board of health in the town of Charlemont (see House, No. 3635);

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown by adding additional alternate members on certain boards (see House, No. 3682); and

Providing affordable housing property tax incentives in the town of Amherst (House, No. 3758);

(Which severally 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 they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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 four 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.