

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 23, 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:

God of the Hopeful, God of the Courageous, we pray today for the membership of our House of Representatives. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts rejoices today as our modern day Patriots have become the first NFL team to ever play in nine Super Bowls. This week we also remember and celebrate Your spirit of hope and courage that enabled a young patriot, a Boston bookseller to lead a group of men and to travel hundreds of miles in December of 1775. Colonel Henry Knox arrived back in Cambridge on January 24, 1776 after he managed to secure dozens of cannons from Fort Ticonderoga and transported them using 40 sleds and dozens of teams of oxen over ice-covered lakes and snow covered woodland of New York and Massachusetts. In a few weeks' time, those cannons caused the British to evacuate the city of Boston, giving hope to those who sought freedom. May the tremendous efforts of this early, young patriot, who overcame great odds, inspire our legislators to not give up hope as they begin their difficult task of working together in committees and as teammates to secure the blessings of liberty for which Henry Knox and his companions labored so hard. May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Prayer.

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.

Appointment to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Meschino of Hull to serve on the Commission on the Future of the Metropolitan Beaches established (under Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to conduct an annual review of the state of metropolitan beaches which shall include a comprehensive study examining the existing maintenance, operational and infrastructure needs for those beaches including, but not limited to, any security and capital-intensive repairs necessary to ensure future recreational use of those beaches.

Metropolitan Beaches Commission.

Order.

The following order (filed this day with the Clerk by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, as follows:

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of the members of the 190th General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the

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189th General Court, provided that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committee on Rules of the House.

The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary committee on Rules on the part of the Senate; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The temporary committee on Rules shall be authorized to utilize joint and House committee resources of the various committees having expertise in the subjects referred to them.

The temporary committee on Rules shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules.

Reports.

Supplier diversity, etc. program.

The annual report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (under Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity – Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction report for the fiscal year 2016 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and State Administration and Regulatory Oversight]; and

Worcester District Attorney, wiretaps.

A report of the District Attorney of Worcester County (under the provisions of Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016;

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

State of the State address.

Ordered, That a convention of the two branches be held at a half past six o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Charles D. Baker may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

Recess.

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At twenty-eight minutes before the twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes before six o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Petition.

Public officials, compensation.

Representative DeLeo of Winthrop and Senator Rosenberg presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. DeLeo and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to the compensation of public officials; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

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

Recommendations for Legislation.

Recommendations of state officers, departments, etc., filed in the Office of the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (under the provisions of Section 33 of Chapter 30 of the General Laws) (as most recently amended by Chapter 165 of the Acts of 1995), severally were referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPARTMENTS WILL BE PLACED HERE.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2017) were presented and they were severally referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

SEASONABLY FILED PETITIONS WILL BE PLACED HERE.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate prior to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2017, which had been referred by the Senate this day, to joint committees and the committees on Rule of the two branches, acting concurrently, were presented; and the House severally concurred in the references (for a list of the matters referred thereto, see the Senate Journal for the sitting of Wednesday, January 4, 2017).

Senate petitions concurred in.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at six o'clock P.M.

Next sitting.

At six minutes before six o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at six o'clock P.M.