

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, December 28, 2016.

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.

Resolutions.

Ryan
Lawton.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Ryan Lawton on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

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

Annual Report.

Clean
Water
Trust.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 [copies of the report were forwarded to the Speaker and the House committee on Ways and Means], was sent to the Senate for its information.

Papers from the Senate.

Marijuana,—
cultivation
and sale.

The House Bill further regulating the cultivation of marijuana and marihuana (House, No. 4326) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2524; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to ensure the safe implementation of marijuana legalization, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health."

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendments were correctly drawn; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Westfield
courthouse.

The House Bill designating the Westfield division of the District Court of Western Hampden as the John M. Greaney Courthouse (House, No. 1642) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be

engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the physical location of the Westfield division of the district court of western Hampden, the Westfield division of the district court of western Hampden shall be designated and known as the John M. Greaney district court in honor of John M. Greaney, who served as associate justice of the supreme judicial court and as chief justice of the appeals court. The division of capital asset management and maintenance shall erect and maintain a suitable marker bearing that designation in compliance with the standards of the division and as may be authorized pursuant to a lease agreement for the Westfield division of the district court of western Hampden.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to be a taking of an interest in the real property leased by the commonwealth for the operation of the Westfield division of the district court of western Hampden."

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the provision of group health insurance benefits in the town of Athol (Senate, No. 1967) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Athol,—
benefits.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the cultivation of marijuana and marihuana (see House, No. 4326, 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.

Marijuana,—
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and sale.

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 3 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 Bills.

Engrossed bills
Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Greenfield (see House, No. 4003);

Bills
enacted.

Establishing a senior means-tested property tax exemption in the town of Concord (see House, No. 4473, amended);

Concerning long-term homeowners in the city of Boston (see House, No. 4571);

Authorizing Timothy King to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (see House, No. 4580, amended);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing Michael Locke to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (see House, No. 4581, amended); and

Authorizing the city of Everett to establish a linkage fee revolving fund (see House, No. 4754);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

Automated
external
defibrillators.

The Senate further amendments to the House amendment of the Senate Bill requiring automated external defibrillators in schools (Senate, No. 2449, amended), was considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending the House non-concur with the Senate in its further amendments; and the report was accepted.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its further amendments. The bill then was sent to the Senate for its action.

Secondary
metals
dealings.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill regulating secondary metals dealings (House, No. 3806, amended), was considered.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending the House non-concur with the Senate in its amendment; and the report was accepted.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment. The bill then was sent to the Senate for its action.

Third
reading
bills.

House bills

Authorizing the Three Rivers Fire District to continue the employment of Michael Matthieu (House, No. 4741);

Relative to train culverts in the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 4742, changed); and

Authorizing the town of Reading to grant licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4770);

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.

Third reading
bill amended.

The House Bill making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4721), was read a third time.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be amended by substitution of a Bill relative to banking law (House, No. 4778), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hawley,—
elections.

The Senate Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Hawley (Senate, No. 2322, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 2, in line 8, by inserting after the word "signatures" the words "by the registrar of voters". The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2322, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill reconciling inconsistent statutory audit schedules (House, No. 4720), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out section 9.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4720, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At ten minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

At eleven minutes after one 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 eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.