

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 4, 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).

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.

Statement of Representative Wagner of Chicopee.

A written statement of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for the session of Wednesday, October 14, 2015, because I was on official business attending a conference. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on roll call numbers 163, 164 and 165. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated. Statement of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Ryan Francis Wollensak on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Ryan Wollensak.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Whelan of Brewster, Hunt of Sandwich, Vieira of Falmouth, Peake of Provincetown, Mannal of Barnstable and Madden of Nantucket) congratulating Bill Clark on the occasion of his retirement; Bill Clark.

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

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-6653 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the allocation plan for the Assistant District Attorney Salary Reserve; and Salary reserve.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the first annual report of said court relative to the prosecution and disposition of offenses against children established under said act; Children,—protection.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

Massachusetts
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, 2015 [copies of the report forwarded to the Speaker and the House committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with said law]; and

Substance
abuse and
treatment.

A report of the Special Commission established (under Section 42 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2014) to make an investigation and study of substance abuse treatment services for those involved in the criminal justice system, as well as the commission's recommendations for next steps;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Mattapoisett,—
bylaws.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3924) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) that the town of Mattapoisett be authorized to require a two thirds majority vote of the town meeting to modify the bylaws of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Armed forces,—
retirement.

By Mr. Ayers of Quincy (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael G. Bellotti relative to creditable service for active duty in the armed forces.

Billerica,—
Yankee Doodle
town.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica and Senator Donnelly, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo (at the request of the town) that the town of Billerica be designated as the Yankee Doodle town.

South Essex
Sewerage
District.

By Representative Speliotis of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Theodore C. Speliotis and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to further regulate the board of the South Essex Sewerage District.

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

Paper from the Senate.

Jared
Forgues,—
sick leave.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jared Forgues, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2084) (on Senate bill No. 2077), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the Turner Falls Fire District to establish certain funds (see House, No. 1853); and

Establishing an affordable housing trust in the town of Duxbury (see House, No. 3325);

(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.

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At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2015 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of His Excellency the Governor.]

Attest:

STEVEN T. JAMES,
Clerk.

