

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 6, 2014.

Met at ten minutes after 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.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under Section 20D of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the status of child abuse and neglect cases;

From the office of the Attorney General (see Section 4 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2012) regarding the date in which the Foreclosure Impacts Task Force will submit its final report;

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 71 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws and Section 108 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011) submitting its first annual report on research agenda in order to understand the social and economic effects of expanding gaming in the Commonwealth and to obtain scientific information relative to the neuroscience, psychology, sociology, epidemiology and etiology of gambling;

From the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (under Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure of technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

From Northeastern University (under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1986) relative to the lease entered into by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Northeastern University for the University Boathouse;

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the year 2012;

From the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 44 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012) submitting its findings from its study on the financing of low-income electric and gas discount program [copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law]; and

From the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (MassVentures) (under Section 6 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the fiscal year 2013.

Severally were placed on file.

Pledge of allegiance.

District Attorneys,—child abuse.

Foreclosure Impacts Task Force.

Gaming Commission,—research agenda.

Norfolk County,—Technology Fund.

Northeastern University Boathouse.

Public Utilities.

Public Utilities,—discount study.

Technology Development Corporation.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Advanced Manufacturing Futures Program (under Section 45 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its second annual report including a current assessment of the progress of each program funded through the manufacturing grant program and the progress of the advanced manufacturing collaborative activity [copies were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the joint committees on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with said law].

Of the Office of the Comptroller (under the provisions of Section 12 (c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Of the Chief Justice for Administration and Management of the Trial Court (under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2008) relative to the prosecution and disposition of cases involving certain offenses against children for the fiscal year 2013; and

Of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (under Section 3D of Chapter 70B of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2012 annual report containing financial statements relating to the operations, assets and expenditures of the authority maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles so far as applicable and audited by an independent certified public accountant firm [copies of this report had been sent by said authority to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairpersons of the House and Senate committees on Ways and Means, the House and Senate chairpersons of the joint committee on Education and all other members of the General Court]; and

The report of the special commission relative to early education and care services (under Section 166 of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013) submitting its report on the cost of administering early education and care services in the Commonwealth;

Severally were placed on file.

Advanced Manufacturing Futures Program.

Comptroller,—C.A.F.R.

Offenses against children,—report.

School Building Authority.

Early education and care services.

Petition.

Mr. Heroux of Attleboro presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux and others for legislation to extend the processing time for the issuance of firearms identification cards and licenses to carry firearms; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Firearm identification,—processing.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1968) of Richard T. Moore and Peter J. Durant for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alexander Rodriguez, and employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Alexander Rodriguez,—sick leave.

Maria A. DeCoste,—  
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1969) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Alan Silvia, Paul A. Schmid, III, Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria A. DeCoste, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance. To the committee on Public Service.

Norfolk County,—  
wiretaps.

A report of the District Attorney of Norfolk County (under the provisions of Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2013, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

Life sciences,—  
sales tax exemption.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to sales tax exemptions for life sciences research and development. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of Worcester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

Third reading  
bill amended.

The House Bill amending the special legislation establishing the Acton community corporation (House, No. 3609), 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 with the same title (House, No. 3883), which was read.

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

*Order.*

Next sitting.

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.

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At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (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.