

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Michlewitz of Boston 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. Michlewitz), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Scituate,—town election.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Scituate to establish the date of its annual town election (House, No. 55), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, February 17.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on the Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Florence Saint Onge. Ashburnham.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Sister Florence Saint Onge on her one hundredth birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Zlotnik of Gardner) congratulating the town of Ashburnham on the occasion of its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of incorporation;

Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the temporary 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. Tucker of Salem, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Adoption Task Force.

A communication from the Adoption Task Force established (see Item 4800-0038 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 38 of the Acts of 2013) to study ways to reduce the costs and delays of the adoption process in the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

Annual Reports.

Criminal prosecutions and workloads.

Annual reports Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys' Association on behalf of the 11 district attorneys' offices (under Item 0340-2100 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) relative to the number criminal prosecutions and workloads for fiscal year 2014; and

Of the District Attorney for the Hampden District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) relative to the number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants in 2014; and

Hampden County,—wiretaps.

The sixth annual report of the Special Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (established under Section 69(h) of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) of its activities for the calendar year 2014;

Grandparents raising grandchildren.

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Order relative to Joint Rules governing the 2015-2016 session (House, No. 2017, amended), came from the Senate adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 11.

Joint Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the Mr. Mariano of Quincy, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Mariano, Bradley of Hingham and Frost of Auburn were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Michlewitz of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.