

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, February 22, 2016.

Met at 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.

Damien Sardinha.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Damien Curtis Sardinha 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, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the Rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Northwestern District,— wiretaps.

From the District Attorney of the Northwestern District (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) relative to the number of applications made for electronic surveillance warrants in 2015;

Insurance fraud bureau.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of said report were referred, as required under said law, to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development];

Community Corrections.

From the Massachusetts Trial Court Office of Community Corrections (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting a report of the utilization of community corrections centers;

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds,— technology report.

From the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see 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];

Plymouth County,— juveniles.

From the Office of the Plymouth District Attorney (see Section 32 of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the Community Based Juvenile Justice Program Report for fiscal year 2015; and

Domestic and sexual violence victims.

From the Special Commission to Study Shelter and Housing Options for Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims (see Section 47 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014) notifying the House of Representatives that said commission will be submitting the recommendation report later than the June 30, 2015 deadline;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

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Of the Department of Public Health (under item 4513-1020 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the Early Intervention program report for the second quarter of fiscal year 2016; and

Early Intervention.

Of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (under Section 7C of Chapter 39 of the General Laws) submitting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Real Property Report for 2015;

Real Property Report.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Mr. Fernandes of Milford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John V. Fernandes relative to the payment of support to a recipient spouse who is economically dependent; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Alimony.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the 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. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to worker's compensation insurance.

Worker's compensation.

By Representative Day of Stoneham and Senator Lewis, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day, Jason M. Lewis and others for legislation to establish an energy facilities siting board within the Department of Public Utilities.

Energy facilities siting board.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Finn that the Department of Mental Health be authorized to require certain group homes to provide community notices.

Group homes,— notices.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Eyma Sutton, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Eyma Sutton,— sick leave.

By Representative Naughton of Clinton and Senator Lesser, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to reimburse certain life insurance premiums for members of the Massachusetts National Guard.

National Guard,— life insurance.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to authorize the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to

Summer learning.

Summer learning.— establish a grant program to support the development and expansion of high quality, comprehensive summer learning opportunities for students in districts with high concentrations of low income students. To the committee on Education.

Paul Sinkiewicz,— sick leave.— Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of David F. DeCoste and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul Sinkiewicz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services. To the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Frammingham,— board of health.— By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the recommitted House Bill to amend Chapter 27 of the Acts of 1996 (House, No. 3935) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House, with an amendment previously recommended by the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government pending; and the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was considered forthwith.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3977),— was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Firefighters.— Relative to firefighters cessation program (House, No. 2257); Bolton,— recall elections.— Providing for recall elections in the town of Bolton (House, No. 3640) [Local Approval Received];

Dudley,— town elections.— Validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Dudley (printed in House, No. 3778);

Canoe River,— committee.— Relative to the Canoe River aquifer advisory committee (House, No. 3800); and

Boat excise.— Relative to local control of boat excise revenue (House, No. 3961); Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Architect laureate.— By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to the architect laureate (House, No. 2931), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Veterans,— medical transportation.— By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency medical transportation provided to veterans (House, No. 3167). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill creating a commission to study the feasibility of divestment of fossil fuels from the Commonwealth's pension systems (House, No. 2372, changed in line 38 by striking out the date "December 31, 2015" and inserting in place thereof the date "January 1, 2017". Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Fossil fuel divestment,— study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to amend retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Correction (House, No. 2425). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Department of Correction,— retirement benefits.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of Police Chief Thomas Austin (see Senate, No. 1941) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,— *Ordered.* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.