

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, February 25, 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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Health (see Section 176 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the Public Health Evaluation Grant Program; Evaluation grants.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see Section 3(g) of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting the annual legislative report of said department; Early education.

From the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (see Section 11 of Chapter 161A of the General Laws) submitting the authority's efforts to maximize non-transportation revenue for fiscal year 2015; and MBTA,— revenue.

From the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority submitting a clarification to page 4 of the Management Discussion and Analysis included in the fiscal year 2015 audit [see House Docket No. 4311]; Merrimack Valley Transit.
Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to benefits of individuals who have been locked out of their place of employment by their employers. Locked out employees,— benefits.

By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Justin Cann for legislation to establish a pulmonary hypertension task force. Hypertension,— task force.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3381) of Carlos González and others for legislation to establish the micro and minority business strategy committee to develop strategies for supporting micro businesses in inner city communities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies; Inner cities,— business development.

Health care workers,— safety. By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1687) of Michael D. Brady and others relative to health care worker safety,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

Nurses,— patients. By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Dental hygienists. Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1958) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to the maximum number of patients assigned to registered nurses or hospital care attendants;

Physical therapy treatments,— study. Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1989) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to public health dental hygienists; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2025) of David M. Nangle that the Center for Health Information and Analysis be directed to study potential cost savings for certain physical therapy treatments; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

All Westfield Patriots Bridge. Senate bills
Designating a certain bridge in the city of Westfield as the All Westfield Patriots Bridge (Senate, No. 1839);

Middleborough,— constables. Relative to constables in the town of Middleborough (Senate, No. 1995) [Local Approval Received]; and

Pertussis. Providing for further protection from pertussis (Senate, No. 2074); and

House bills
Updating chapter 93H [sic] data security protections to include biometric information (House, No. 225);

Data security. To allow non-profits to purchase alcohol form retail package stores for charitable events (House, No. 230);

Non-profits,— alcohol. Regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions (House, No. 247);

Auctions,— liquor licenses. Relative to special alcohol licenses for nonprofit organizations (House, No. 248);

Non-profits,— liquor licenses. Relative to the sale of children’s jewelry (House, No. 253);

Jewelry. Relative to issuing prize payments to charities (House, No. 275);

Charities. Relative to protecting the rights of custodial and other non-teaching employees of school districts (House, No. 2319);

Non-teaching employees. Designating the last day of February as Rare Disease Day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2709);

Rare disease day. Relative to the official amphibian of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2729);

Spring Peeper. To establish Uncle Sam day (House, No. 2742);

Uncle Sam day. Declaring the third Saturday of the month of October as Massachusetts Minuteman and Militia Day (House, No. 2790);

Minutemen and militia day. Designating Domestic Workers’ Rights Day (House, No. 2793);

Workers’ day.

Designating the official seasoning of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2796);

Bell’s seasoning.

Declaring the first Monday of the month of May as school crossing guard day (House, No. 3626);

Crossing guard day.

Providing for recall elections in the town of Shirley (House, No. 3784) [Local Approval Received];

Shirley,— elections.

Relative to the form of representative town government in the town of North Attleborough (House, No. 3853) [Local Approval Received];

North Attleborough.

Relative to the use of a parcel of land in the city of Woburn for recreational purposes (House, No. 3957) [Local Approval Received];

Woburn,— land.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carlo Casarano, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 4004); and

Carlo Casarano.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Fothergill, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4006);

Robert Fothergill.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill to address inequality, promote opportunity, and end poverty (House, No. 142). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Community action agencies.

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on a petition, a Bill relative to bona fide business entities (House, No. 145). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bona fide business entities.

Orders of the Day.

House bills
Relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 2927) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Validating the actions taken at a certain town meeting held in the town of Rochester (printed in House, No. 3918) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Martinez, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (House, No. 4017), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Denise Martinez,— sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Barber of Somerville moved to amend it by 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 establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Massachusetts commission for the deaf and hard

Denise
Martinez,—
sick leave.

of hearing, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4017, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

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

At twenty-four 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.