

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Met at eight 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).

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.

Silent Prayer.

Master Sergeant Lawrence Pellegrini of Stoughton.

During the session the Chair (Mr. Donato) declared a brief recess; and at the request of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in the memory of Master Sergeant Lawrence Pellegrini of Stoughton, who passed away suddenly on March 4th. Larry spent the better part of his life in dedicated service to our nation, spending 33 years in the United States Air Force and Air Force National Guard. He was a devoted husband to his wife Elaine Block Pellegrini and doting father to his children Samantha and Micah. He will be deeply missed by his friends, his temple, and his community.

Paper from the Senate.

Stoughton,—land.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian A. Joyce, William C. Galvin and Louis L. Kafka for legislation relative to the conveyance of certain lands in Stoughton, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2173) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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:

Locked out employees.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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; and

Workers' compensation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan relative to workers' compensation insurance; Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Women's Defense Corps.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Linda Dean Campbell, Paul Tucker and others relative to the annual observance of Massachusetts Women's Defense Corps remembrance day; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alan Silvia and others for legislation to designate the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument located in Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River as the official Gold Star Families Memorial Monument of the Commonwealth;

Fall River,—Gold Star Monument.

Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 258) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to motor vehicle service contracts,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Motor vehicles,—service contracts.

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:

Regulating residential paving (House, No. 217);
Relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters (House, No. 2308, changed);

Paving.
Volunteer firefighters.

Declaring the second Monday in October as "Italian-American Heritage Day" (House, No. 2784);

Columbus Day.

Officially making the month of March multiple system atrophy awareness month (House, No. 2795);

Multiple system atrophy.

Designating shaken baby syndrome awareness week (House, No. 2824);
Establishing school bus driver day (House, No. 2825);

Shaken babies.
Bus drivers.

Designating the song "14 Counties of Massachusetts" as the official county song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2831);

Official county song.

Relative to the health insurance of certain elected individuals in the town of Tyringham (House, No. 3649) [Local Approval Received];

Tyringham,—benefits.

Validating action taken by the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District (House, No. 3991);

Martha's Vineyard.

To properly punish the solicitation of felony crimes (House, No. 4005); and

Felony crimes.

Relative to exempted accommodations (House, No. 4026);

Accommodations.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill relative to Middlesex Canal Commission (House, No. 724), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Middlesex Canal Commission.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing an emergency responder yellow dot

Emergency responders,—yellow dot.

program (House No. 3045). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Polish heritage.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1051, a Resolve relative to preserving Polish heritage in the Pioneer Valley (House, No. 4058).

Colleges,—textbook costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1076, a Resolve establishing a special commission relative to reducing the costs associated with the purchase of college textbooks (House, No. 4060).

Historic roadways.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3088).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Municipal roads and bridges,—bonds.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a part of House, No. 4010 (as relates to sections 1 to 7, inclusive and sections 10 to 19, inclusive), a Bill financing improvements to municipal road and bridges (House, No. 4057). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

George V. Kenneally, Jr. student center.

By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1047).

Community colleges,—free tuition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 687 and House, No. 1070, a Bill making community colleges in Massachusetts free for residents of the state (House, No. 1070).

Matching grants program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1073, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts higher education matching grants program (House, No. 4059).

Quincy College,—degrees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3556, a Bill authorizing Quincy College to confer baccalaureate degrees (House, No. 4061) [Local Approval Received].

Taxicabs,—accessibility.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing improved access to taxicabs for persons with disabilities (House No. 2947).

Driver education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to drivers education in public high schools (House No. 3036).

Surplus rail assets.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to reuse surplus rail assets (House No. 3037).

Tunnel safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concening [sic] tunnel safety (House No. 3048).

Drivers' licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts drivers [sic] license information (House No. 3053).

Regional transit fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to establish regional transit authority enterprise fund (House No. 3060).

Trucks,—inspections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to truck inspections (House No. 3116).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motorcycle permit requirements (House No. 3741).

Motorcycles,—permits.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to motorcycle inspections (House, No. 2996).

Motorcycles,—inspections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to signs on the Massachusetts Turnpike (House, No. 3031).

Turnpike,—signage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to speed limits in historic districts (House, No. 3035).

Historic districts,—speed limits.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to certain affordable housing in the city of Boston (House, No. 3617); and

Third reading bills.

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

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

The Senate Bill improving state reimbursements for charter schools (Senate, No. 273, amended), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill.

Recess.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to substance use, treatment, education and prevention (see House, No. 4056) having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Opiates,—treatment, etc.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) 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,—

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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 seven minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.