

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 17, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Zackery W. Carme on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Zackery Carme.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) commending the AdMeTech Foundation on hosting the eighth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day; Prostate Cancer Awareness.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the 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. Kelcourse of Amesbury, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

A communication from the Division of Banks (under the provisions of section 2A of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) submitting a summary of proposed amendments to 209 CMR 40.00 et seq., Unfair and Deceptive Practices in Consumer Transactions (House, No. 4104), was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Division of Banks,— regulations.

Communications

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9412 of Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting a report on the Expanded Learning Time Grant: Costs and Expenditures; Expanded Learning Time Grant.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0012 of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the METCO program report; METCO.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 94(q) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) submitting the fiscal year 2015 virtual schools report to the General Court [a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Education]; Virtual Schools.

From the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (see item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) relative to the progress of the Home and Healthy for Good Program [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means]; and Home and Healthy for Good program.

Statistical report.

From the Office of Community Corrections within the Administrative Office of the Trial Court (see item 0339-1003 of Chapter 476 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its annual statistical report for July 2015 through January 2016; Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

Veterans,— police and firefighters.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1340) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Benjamin Swan and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., for legislation relative to age restrictions for veterans applying to be police officers and firefighters, and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Dana Moore,— benefits.

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 petition (accompanied by bill) of Susanah M. Whipps Lee for legislation to authorize the Franklin Regional Retirement Board to credit Dana Moore with a combination of 2 years of age and/or service to enhance his retirement benefits. To the committee on Public Service. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Municipal roads.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on House, No. 4057, reported, in part (so much as relates to sections 1, 2A, 4 and 6), a Bill financing improvements to roads and bridges (House, No. 4095) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$200,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the following matters ought to pass:

Fossil fuels,— divestment.

Bill creating a commission to study the feasibility of divestment of fossil fuels from the Commonwealth's pension systems (House, No. 2372, changed); and

State indoor track facility,— study.

Resolve establishing a special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of constructing a Massachusetts state indoor track facility in southeastern Massachusetts (House, No. 2713);

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

Incarcerated women,— anti-shackling.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill to ensure compliance with

the anti-shackling law for pregnant incarcerated women (House, No. 3679). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2133 and 2163, a Bill relative to vertical reciprocating conveyors (House, No. 2163). Vertical conveyors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the building code coordinating council (House, No. 2196). Building code council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study of the necessity of certain snow safety procedures (House, No. 3833). Snow safety procedures.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3877, a Bill relative to transportation infrastructure value capture (House, No. 4094). Transportation,— infrastructure.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to the town administrator in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 1987), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Third reading bill.

The House Bill validating action taken by the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District (House, No. 3991), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Id.

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant an easement in certain land in the city of Salem (House, No. 3970), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Salem,— land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 12, by striking out the word "Commission" and inserting in place thereof the words "division of capital asset management and maintenance"; and, in line 29, by striking out the word "commissioner" and inserting in place thereof the words "division of capital asset management and maintenance".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3970, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

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

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Gifford of Wareham (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.