

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Reinstein of Revere 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 (Ms. Reinstein), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of the Speaker and all members of the House, the members, guests and employees rose for a moment of silent tribute to the memory of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. The attacks claimed three lives — including eight-year-old Martin Richard of Boston — and injured scores of innocent bystanders. The House of Representatives extended its deepest condolences and prayers to the families of the victims, and to all those touched by these tragic events, and offered its highest praise to the emergency personnel and civilians who selflessly cared for victims without regard for their own wellbeing. Boston Marathon bombings.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Stephen Douglas Zorn of Boy Scout Troop 516 on earning the Eagle Scout Award, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Stephen Douglas Zorn.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the resolutions were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Fernandes of Milford and Senator Richard T. Moore presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John V. Fernandes and Richard T. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kristen Giunta, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Kristen Giunta,— sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 774) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to clear titles to foreclosed properties, and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence. Foreclosed properties.

*Reports of Committees.*STEM,—
commission.

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2994) of Kay Khan and others for an investigation by a special commission to consider adding the arts to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) related programs,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

West
Boylston,—
sewer
fees.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of West Boylston to assess compensatory sewer privilege fees (House, No. 1870) [Local Approval Received].

Marjorie
Pettoruto,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marjorie Pettoruto, an employee of the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3410).

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

*Emergency Measure.*Celia
Gentile,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Celia Gentile, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 1753), 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.

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 7 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bill.*Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deane Smith, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 2292) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Order.*Next
sitting.

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.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of the victims of the tragedy yesterday at the Boston Marathon, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Ms. Reinstein of Revere being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.