

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pledge of allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Whelan of Brewster) recognizing June Gallant on the occasion of her retirement from the town of Brewster, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. June Gallant.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Nangle of Lowell, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

The annual report of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the calendar year 2015; and Charitable gaming.

A quarterly report of the Department of Children and Families (under Section 25 of Chapter 18B of the General Laws) submitting the total number of cases of multiple 51A [child abuse and neglect] reports reviewed by the department under subsection (r) of section 51B of chapter 119, the types of those cases, and their resolutions; Child abuse and neglect,—multiple cases.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Donato of Medford and Senator Jehlen presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4227) of Paul J. Donato and Patricia D. Jehlen (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the election of a charter commission in the city of Medford; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Medford,—charter.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills
Increasing the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Milton (Senate, No. 2112) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and Milton,—selectmen.
Relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the town of Erving (Senate, No. 2227) (on Senate bill No. 2131) [Local Approval Received]; Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Erving,—benefits.

Somerville,—
contracts. A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2225) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Christine P. Barber, Denise Provost and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. (with approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) for legislation relative to contracts in the city of Somerville, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

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

David T. Doyle courtroom. The Senate Bill designating courtroom G within the first district court of Essex in the city of Salem as the Honorable David T. Doyle courtroom (Senate, No. 866); and
House bills
Social workers. Protecting Department of Children and Families social workers' home addresses (House, No. 112); and
Licensees. Relative to notification of licensees (House, No. 257);
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were 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:

Grand jurors. Providing further protection for grand jurors (House, No. 1556);
Fundraising. Relative to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (House, No. 2277);
Boston,—wards. Regarding decennial division of wards and precincts in the city of Boston (House, No. 3321) [Local Approval Received];
Plymouth,—land. Relative to certain land in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 3966) [Local Approval Received];
College of Art and Design. Designating a certain building at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design (House, No. 4015);
Alimony. Reforming alimony in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4110); and

To hold property owners accountable for recurring public nuisance (House, No. 4115);
Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Seal and motto. By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a special commission relative to the seal and motto of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2810). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Self-storage insurance. By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to self-storage insurance (House, No. 802).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing consumer protection in the licensing of appraisers (House, No. 816).

Appraisers,—licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to regulate appraisal management companies (House, No. 947).

Appraisal management.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to travel insurance (House, No. 961).

Travel insurance.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to amend Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1989 (House, No. 2803).

Needham and Wellesley,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to default insurance programs for certain public construction projects (House, No. 2808).

Public construction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a business entity (House, No. 2819).

Businesses,—reporting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to landscape sprinkler systems (House, No. 2823).

Sprinkler systems.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting owners from providing an indemnity for certain lost or stolen registered bonds (House, No. 2826).

Registered bonds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the distribution of the conflict of interest law (House, No. 2845).

Conflict of interest law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 2749 and 3302, a Bill relative to reducing outsourcing (House, No. 3302).

Outsourcing,—reduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House No. 3909, a Bill to modernize municipal finance and government (House, No. 4226).

Municipal finance.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill regarding liability insurance requirements for owners of underground storage tanks (House, No. 684).

Underground storage tanks,—insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to correct uninsured motorist coverage anomaly for listed operators (House, No. 797).

Uninsured motorists.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 821).

Insurance,—education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to group market plans for automobile and homeowners insurance (House, No. 903).

Insurance,—group plans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to add a compulsory death benefit to automobile liability insurance (House, No. 928).

Car insurance,—death benefit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to title insurance closing protection letters (House, No. 932).

Title insurance protection.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House Nos. 2794 and 2820, a Bill relative to vital records (House, No. 2794).

Vital records.

State
building
code.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the State Building Code (House, No. 2843).

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

Emergency Measures.

Pappas
Rehabilitation
Hospital for
Children.

The engrossed Bill designating the Massachusetts Hospital School as the Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital for Children (see House, No. 2739, amended), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Frank Massa
Memorial
Island.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain traffic island in the town of Hingham as The Frank Massa Memorial Island (see House, No. 3808), 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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the position of highway surveyor in the town of Hanson (see House, No. 3738) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

Falmouth,—
land.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Falmouth to convey certain land to the West Falmouth Library, Inc. (House, No. 3976) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the questions on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Falmouth may convey to West Falmouth Library, Inc., a certain parcel of land containing 8,547 square feet shown as Parcel C on ‘Plan of Land prepared for West Falmouth Library in West Falmouth, MA’ dated September 11, 2014, prepared by Holmes and McGrath, Inc. The parcel is a portion of Falmouth Assessor’s Parcel 24 16 016B 000, which was acquired by the town for public park purposes by deed dated March 3, 1972 recorded in the Barnstable county register of deeds in book 1612, page 120.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, as consideration for and as a condition of the conveyance authorized in section 1, the town of Falmouth shall acquire, as public parkland, for open space, recreational or conservation purposes, from the West Falmouth Library, Inc., a certain parcel containing 8,547 square feet shown as Parcel B on the ‘Plan of Land prepared for West Falmouth Library in West Falmouth, MA’ dated September 11, 2014, prepared by Holmes and McGrath, Inc., being a portion of Falmouth Assessor’s Parcel 24 16 013 002.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”
The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3976, 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 Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M. Next sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.