

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, September 6, 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).

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.

Resolutions.

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

Wareham,—sister school.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gifford of Wareham) recognizing the Daxing No. 2 Elementary School Beijing, a sister school of the Wareham Public Schools District;

Id.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gifford of Wareham) recognizing the Primary School attached to Beijing Institute of Graphic Communication, a sister school of the Wareham Public Schools District; and

Id.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Gifford of Wareham) recognizing the Qingdao Grand High School, a sister school of the Wareham Public Schools District;

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 Ms. Gifford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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Capital Resource Company.

From the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting an annual report describing the formation and current status of said company [a copy was forwarded to the Speaker of the House, as required by said law]; and

Life Sciences Center,—certification extension.

From the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (see Section 5(e)(2) of Chapter 231 of the General Laws) submitting an extension report detailing its decision to extend certified status to certain life sciences companies [copies forwarded to the House committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Special Reports.

MBTA,—procurements.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (under Section 196 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) relative to procurement and the waiver from the provisions of sections 52 to 55, inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws; and

A report of the Department of Transportation (MassDOT) (under Item 6121-1718 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 220 of the Acts of 2016) submitting information pertaining to the Small Bridge Program, including the proposed rating system for selecting projects to be funded;

Small Bridge Program.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative D'Emilia of Bridgewater and Senator Pacheco presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation to designate a certain intersection in the town of Bridgewater as the as the Bryan K. McSheffrey corner; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Bridgewater,—Bryan K. McSheffrey corner.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing Massachusetts Farm-to-School Month and commending farm-to-school programs (House, No. 2782), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Farm to school.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith set apart the month of October as Massachusetts Farm-to-School Month in recognition of the vital role agriculture plays in the culture, heritage and economy of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The Senate amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and the House concurred in the Senate amendment.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2485) of Sonia Chang-Diaz and Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Guerda Henry, an employee of the Department of Public Health, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Guerda Henry,—sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2485) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 320, 321, 350, 380, 385, 387, 388, 389, 409, 426, 449, 467, 469, 485, 488, 490, 493 and 3735, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning charter school issues (House, No. 4599).

Education,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 314, 333, 347, 348, 384, 402, 403, 412, 428, 431, 434, 480, 3228 and 3392, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make

Id.

an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to school finance and school choice issues (House, No. 4600).

Education,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 319, 351, 352, 376, 425, 436, 506, 3226, 3391, 3394, 3397 and 3398, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to accountability/compliance and miscellaneous issues (House, No. 4601).

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

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:

Westport,—
election.

Validating a special election in the town of Westport (printed in House, No. 4589, changed); and

Lee, etc.,—
employees.

Relative to a municipal employee in the town of Lee, the town of Lenox, or the town of Stockbridge acting in relation to an intermunicipal agreement (House, No. 4598);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills
enacted.

Relative to special police officers in the city of Newton (see House, No. 3885); and

Relative to the disability retirement of Jared Macdonald, a police officer in the town of Bourne (see House, No. 4359, amended); (Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Grafton,—
State Police
Museum and
Learning
Center.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton for the Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center (House, No. 3973, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Amending the charter of the town of Concord (House, No. 3685) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Establishing an appointed Highway Superintendent in the town of Plympton (House, No. 4531); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Irene Carr, an employee of the Division of Professional Licensure (House, No. 4556);

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.

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.

At twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session. ^{Next sitting.}