

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 9, 2015.

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

Message from the Governor — Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill establishing a public art commission [see House, No. 3667, amended] (for message, see House, No. 3841), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, November 5. Public art commission.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Austin Conatser on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Austin Conatser.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Riley Conatser on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Riley Conatser.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Michael Parrella on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; Michael Parrella.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Andrew Pritchard on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and Andrew Pritchard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Wagner of Chicopee) congratulating Gloria G. Lomax on the occasion of her eighty-fifth birthday; Gloria Lomax.

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

Communication.

A communication from the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and supplementary data for the fiscal year 2015, was placed on file. Lowell transit authority.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Cantwell and others for an investigation by a special Behavioral health.

commission (including members of the General Court) to study behavioral health promotion and upstream prevention.

Drug treatment programs.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation to strengthen drug treatment programs for first-time opiate offenders.

Marriage ceremonies.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to persons authorized to perform marriage ceremonies.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Children,—re-homing.

A Bill relative to the re-homing of children (Senate, No. 2050) (on Senate, No. 2043); and

Resolves

Housing,—bullying.

Creating a commission to study ways to prevent bullying of tenants in public and subsidized multi-family housing (Senate, No. 1984) (on a petition); and

Young professionals.

Establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals (Senate, No. 2044) (on Senate resolve No. 1971);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Middlefield,—Thomas Austin.

A Bill authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of police chief Thomas Austin (Senate, No. 1941) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

November 6, 2015.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Appointment.

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, has announced the appointment (pursuant to clause (c) of Chapter 418 of the Acts of 2014) of Ms. Monica Medeiros of Melrose to the Mystic River Watershed water quality commission.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Electrical or alarm system contracting.

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 of Robert F. Fennell relative to low-voltage electrical or alarm system contracting permitted by local enforcement agencies. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to retroactive capital reimbursement for a certain nursing facility (House, No. 525). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Holden,—nursing home.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to LGBT awareness training for aging services providers (House, No. 526).

LGBT awareness training.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill amending the retirement beneficiaries of Dennis Mullen (House, No. 2242).

Dennis Mullen,—retirement.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 3834) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lynnfield,—land.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Clay, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 3764, 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.

Deborah Clay,—sick leave.

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 6 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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to the creation of a treasurer-collector in the town of Plainville (see Senate, No. 1961) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

Bill enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill establishing a town administrator in the town of Plainville (Senate, No. 1962) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Robert A.
Montalvo,—
sick leave.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert A. Montalvo, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3824), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 7 by striking out the words "Massachusetts Department of Correction paid sick" and inserting in place thereof the words "extended illness"; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of correction, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3824, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*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.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. McMurtry of Dedham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in and Informal Session.