

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, December 12, 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).

Pledge of
allegiance.

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.

Silent Tribute.

Sandy Hook
Elementary
School,—
one year
anniversary.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Reinstein of Revere), the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in recognition of the one year anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut and to honor the memory of the children and adults who lost their lives that day.

Resolutions.

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

Brandon
Shileikis.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Brandon Shileikis on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Leland
Dingee.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) commending Leland Dingee for his dedicated service to the town of Braintree;

New Plimmoth
Gard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth) honoring the New Plimmoth Gard on its commitment to preserving the Commonwealth's Colonial history;

Sutton
High School,—
soccer team.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman of Sutton) congratulating the Sutton High School "Sammies" boys varsity soccer team on winning the 2013 Massachusetts Division IV state championship; and

Id.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fattman of Sutton) congratulating the Sutton High School "Suzies" girls varsity soccer team on winning the 2013 Massachusetts Division IV state championship;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. Provost of Somerville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

Quebec,—
memorandum of
understanding.

A communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate submitting a Memorandum of Understanding between the General Court and the National Assembly of Quebec, was placed on file.

Petitions.

Mr. Mariano of Quincy presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3814) of Ronald Mariano and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to clarify the governance and structure of Quincy College as a municipal college and department of the city of Quincy; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Quincy College.

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler relative to reducing certain fees associated with veterans' registration plates; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules. Veterans,—registration fees.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill further regulating mercury management (Senate, No. 1758, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3601, amended). Mercury management.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Brewer, Flanagan and Hedlund had been appointed the committee on the part of the Senate. Committee of conference.

On motion of Ms. Gobi of Spencer, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Gobi, Story of Amherst and Gifford of Wareham were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted. Id.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1954) of Michael Barrett for legislation to provide landlords and owners a heating variance during unseasonable warm weather. To the committee on the Public Health. Heating variances.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1955) of Richard J. Ross for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Denise McKinnon, an employee of the Massachusetts Hospital School. To the committee on Public Service. Denise McKinnon,—sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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 Patricia Kannler and Gunther Kannler relative to employment benefits for Patricia Kannler. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Lynn, 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. Patricia Kannler,—retirement benefits.

School
libraries,—
study.

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. 2993) of Sean Garballey and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study concerning school library services in the Commonwealth,— 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.

Physical
therapy.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to physical therapy (House, No. 846).

Life and
health
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts life and health insurance guaranty association law (House, No. 922).

Human
service
providers,—
healthcare.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 933 and 996, a Bill relative to access to health insurance for human service providers and their employees (House, No. 933).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Poet
laureate.

By Ms. Atkins of Concord, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to create the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 2999).

State House
architect.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3002, a Bill relative to the State House architect (House, No. 3811).

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

Worthington,—
Gateway
School
District.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 3574, a Bill relative to the withdrawal of the town of Worthington from the Gateway Regional School District (House, No. 3815) [Local Approval Received].

Real estate
appraisal
management.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill to regulate real estate appraisal management companies (House, No. 992).

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

Insurers,—
education.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 870).

Federal Home
Loan Bank.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 888, a Bill relative to secured lending by the Federal Home Loan Bank (House, No. 3810).

Beth-Ann
Litchfield,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Beth-Ann Litchfield, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3808).

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Chrystal Bonner, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see House, No. 3750), 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. Chrystal Bonner,—
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 7 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cynthia Bouchard White, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 1937) (which originated in the Senate), 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. Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Petersham to borrow outside the debt limit for a certain town project (see Senate, No. 1844, amended) (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. Id.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Revere as the Rita Singer Bridge (House, No. 3649); and Third reading bills.

Establishing the position of town administrator in the town of Belmont (House, No. 3657);

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. Rushing of Boston,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Ms. Reinstein of Revere being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.