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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).

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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4045) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Hopkinton to acquire certain land in the town of Milford by eminent domain for the repair and maintenance of the Lake Maspenock dam. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Hopkinton,—
Milford
land.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4046) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land situated in said town held for park purposes to the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Inc. for open space, recreational, and conservation purposes; and

Nantucket,—
land
transfer.

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4047) of Patricia A. Haddad (by vote of the town) that the town of Swansea be authorized to establish a trust to administer a length of service award program for volunteer firefighters of the fire department of said town;

Swansea,—
volunteer
firefighters.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Doherty of Taunton and Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carol A. Doherty and Patricia A. Haddad for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the welfare and best interest considerations of children in care and protection cases.

Children,—
best interests.

By Representatives Blais of Deerfield and Sadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais relative to the rate of vacation time for certain employees of the Commonwealth who are veterans and buyback creditable service.

Veterans,—
vacation
time.

By Representative Livingstone of Boston and Senator Edwards, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Livingstone and Lydia Edwards relative to designating the Greatest Neighborhood Park, in the West End neighborhood of the city of Boston, as the Jim Campano park.

Boston,—
park.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (Senate, No. 1642) (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.

Provincetown,—
Michael
Trovato.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to authorize the city of Cambridge to impose a real estate transfer fee. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,—
real estate
transfer fee.

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 Marjorie C. Decker and Russell E. Holmes relative to insurance coverage to expand access to mental health services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mental health
services,—
access.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (House, No. 3045),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Student loans,—
license
revocation.

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

Authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3655);

Thomas
Harmon.

Authorizing John R. Stowe, Jr. to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3656);

John
Stowe.

Authorizing Wayne A. Ellis to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3657); and

Wayne
Ellis.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Verdini (House, No. 4031);

Paul Verdini.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill to designate the Route 9 highway bridge between Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4008). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Belchertown
and Ware,—
Iwasinski
bridge.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3966), 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.

Thomas
Hartley,—
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 3 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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the town of Monson treasurer-collector position (House, No. 3716);
and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4006);

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. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (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.