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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4057), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 10.

Transportation,—
bonding terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditure and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Representative Vaughn of Wrentham and Senator Rausch presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4059) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to remove certain positions of the fire department of said town from the civil service law; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Wrentham,—
civil service.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Edward R. Philips relative to banking accessibility.

Banks,—
locations.

By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy that the Executive Office of Education establish an adult workforce diploma program to assist certain adults in obtaining high school diplomas and developing employability and career technical skills.

Adult
workforce,—
program.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the town's board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2371) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rutland,—
selectmen.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2437) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket. To the committee on Agriculture.

Nantucket,—
nutrient
management.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2436) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Nantucket Sewer Act; and

Nantucket,—
sewer act.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2438) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket;

Nantucket,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A petition of Eliza Coady Perez, Susan Perkins and Ann Marie Faust for legislation to improve student and staff attendance and performance by ensuring CO2 monitoring in schools throughout the Commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.

Schools,—
CO2
monitoring.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2440) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

A petition of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the city of Fall River, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Fall River,—
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Mr. Silvia of Fall River, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2439) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate its action.

Reports of a Committee.

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

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2433); and

Jody
Ricketson.

House bills

Relative to the Auburn Water District clerk and treasurer (House, No. 2048);

Auburn.
Milford,—
town meetings.

Establishing representative town meetings (House, No. 2089) [Local Approval Received];

Approving the Townsend special act charter (House, No. 3728) [Local Approval Received]; and

Townsend,—
charter.

Relative to the appointment of a commissioner of health and human services in the city of Brockton (House, No. 3824) [Local Approval Received];

Brockton,—
commissioner.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Lanesborough to the select board (see House, No. 2029) (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.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Validating the annual town meeting for the town of Blandford (House, No. 661);

Validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 3578);

Exempting Joanne Ricardelli from the maximum age requirements for firefighters in the town of Wilmington (House, No. 3964); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Verdini, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4031) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

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 nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (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.