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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) recognizing the Azorean Refugee Act on the occasion of its 65th anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Azorean
Refugee
Act.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cabral, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4064) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Bernardston be authorized to continue the employment of Peter Shedd as fire chief of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bernardston,—
Peter Shedd.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2441) of Bruce E. Tarr, Sally P. Kerans and Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Topsfield, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Topsfield,—
alcoholic
beverage
sales.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (Senate, No. 1642) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Provincetown,—
Michael
Trovato.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberley Riggins, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4006), 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.

Kimberley Riggins,—
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 2 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.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2433), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to the appointment of a commissioner of health and human services in the city of Brockton (House, No. 3824), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

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 twenty-eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.