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Thursday, February 6, 2020.

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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. At the invitation of the Chair, they participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset.

League of
Women
Voters.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Samuel Hyun of Auburndale and Betty King of Boston have been appointed to the Asian American Commission established (under Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) on the status of citizens of Asian descent;

Asian
American.

That Representative Day of Stoneham had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 101 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the appropriate level of funding for the Department of Correction and each sheriff's department; and

Departments of
Correction
and Sheriff,—
funding.

That Representative Santiago of Boston had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 102 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to study and make recommendations regarding the licensing of foreign-trained medical professionals.

Foreign-trained
medical
professionals.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed (under Section 11 of Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2019) Representative Ferguson of Holden as his designee on the special legislative commission to examine the feasibility of authorizing the use of campaign funds to pay for the provision of family care and child care services by candidates for state, county or municipal elected office.

Family
care and
child care.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Friday, February 28, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 201, 223, 224, 228, 229, 230 and 231, and House documents numbered 68, 366, 368, 372, 373, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 386, 387, 389 and 4070.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4392), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferrante, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Monday, May 4, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 200, 204, 205, 208, 209, 210, 211, 216, 218 and 2193, and House documents numbered 364, 369, 370, 374, 382, 383, 384, 385, 393 and 3699.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4393), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferrante, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Revenue be granted until Monday, March 16, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 10, 1667, 1668, 1672, 1679, 1694, 1720, 1727, 1729 and 2318, and House documents numbered 2423, 2457, 2497, 2519, 2530, 2535, 2552, 2592, 2599, 2603, 2610, 2653, 2660, 3637, 3691, 3888 and 4208.

Revenue,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4395), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Revenue be granted until Tuesday, April 7, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1631, 1635, 1647, 1649, 1651, 1657, 1682, 1689, 1690, 1709, 1713, 1724, 1731, 1749, 1775 and 1782, and House documents numbered 2391, 2412, 2428, 2429, 2432, 2446, 2450, 2455, 2458, 2483, 2494, 2507, 2529, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2589, 2607, 2609, 2636, 3617, 3618, 3731, 3732, 3787, 3788 and 4201.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4396), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Wednesday, March 4, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 7, 2034, 2047, 2049, 2069, 2071, 2072 and 2289, and House documents numbered 2963, 3040, 3073, 3116, 3126, 3135, 3156 and 3980.

Transportation,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4391), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Wednesday, March 4, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2056, and House document numbered 3672.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4394), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation authorizing the town of Scituate to establish the date of its annual town election. (Senate, No. 2497), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Scituate,—
election.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until March 31, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 1257, relative to the jurisdiction of housing authorities.

Housing
committee,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the order (Senate, No. 2505) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until March 20, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1144 and 1160, relative to mental health and substance use matters.

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery
committee,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the order (Senate, No. 2508) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until April 15, 2020,

Id.

within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1134, 1145, 1152, 1153, and 1154, relative to mental health and substance use matters.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the order (Senate, No. 2509) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until May 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1093, 1401, 1427, and 2413, relative to public safety matters.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the order (Senate, No. 2511) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,— extension of time for reporting.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development be granted until April 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2029, relative to artists.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, the order (Senate, No. 2512) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Reports of Committees.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel J. Hunt and Nick Collins that the University of Massachusetts be authorized to designate the student center at the Boston campus as the George V. Kenneally, Jr., student center. To the committee on Higher Education.

UMass,— Kenneally student center.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to civil service appointments for children of certain deceased firefighters, police officers or correction officers. To the committee on Public Service.

Public safety officer,— civil service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others for legislation to create a transportation excise tax to be levied on certain businesses. To the committee on Revenue.

Businesses,— transportation tax.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Daniel J. Ryan, RoseLee Vincent and Sal N. DiDomenico that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Chelsea for conservation and passive recreational purposes. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Chelsea,— land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to designate the Station Avenue overpass in the town of Yarmouth as the Corporal Orié D.W. Sampson, Jr. memorial bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Yarmouth,— Sampson bridge.

petition (accompanied by bill) of John C. Velis and others relative to the federal Open Burn Pit Registry and exposure of veterans and service members to certain airborne hazards. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans,— airborne hazards.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation (House, No. 4292); and

Authorizing the town of Hanover to grant 13 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4312) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (printed in House, No. 4326), ought to pass [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$200,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 4002, a Bill authorizing and accelerating transportation investment (House, No. 4397). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to ensure equitable health coverage for children (House, No. 162).

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 834 and House, Nos. 1466 and 3332, a Bill relative to the penalties for the crime of female genital mutilation (House, No. 4606).

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

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to bring child support home (House, No. 89).

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to promote the well-being of minor children living with guardians (House, No. 1396).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 869 and 962 and House, No. 1475, a Bill encouraging the donation of food to persons in need (House, No. 1475).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting the sale of dextromethorphan to minors (House, No. 1495).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 946 and House, No. 1589, a Bill relative to Gardner District Court (House, No. 1589).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1550, a Bill relative to transmitting indecent visual depictions by teens (House, No. 4602).

Defibrillators,—
instruction.

Hanover,—
liquor
licenses.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

Transportation,—
investment.

Health
coverage,—
children.

Female genital
mutilation.

Child
support.

Minor
Children.

Food
donations.

Dextrometh-
orphan.

Gardner District
Court.

Indecent visual
depictions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3457, a Bill relative to parole (House, No. 4607).

Parole.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3608, a Bill requiring the relocation of the Cambridge District Court (House, No. 4608).

Cambridge,—
court location.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relating to access to public records (House, No. 2779).

Public
records,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant a drainage easement, and amending a permanent right of way easement, to the city of Marlborough (House, No. 3982).

Marlborough,—
drainage
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer certain parcels of land to the city of Northampton (House, No. 4123).

Northampton,—
land.

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

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 982 and House, No. 1330, a Bill relative to speed limitations near waste or recycling collection vehicles (House, No. 1330).

Recycling
vehicles,—
fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 960 and House, No. 1413, a Bill to increase transparency in the Massachusetts land record systems to protect the property rights of homeowners and businesses (House, No. 1413).

Land
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1031 and House, No. 1436, a Bill criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 1436).

Assault,—
medical
professionals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1013 and House, No. 1485, a Bill to promote efficiency in co-parent adoptions (House, No. 1485).

Co-parent
adoptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 963 and House, No. 1523, a Bill prohibiting gunfire directed at dwelling houses (House, No. 1523).

Dwellings,—
gunfire.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school safety (House, No. 1562).

School
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing criminal responsibility for motor vehicle “hit and runs” on private property (House, No. 3259).

Private
property,—
hit and runs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1474, a Bill relative to offenses while driving on a suspended license (House, No. 4375).

Suspended
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi DiMaggio, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4600).

Jodi
DiMaggio,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1488, a Bill increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward act (House, No. 4601).

Recreational
vehicles,—
penalties.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 855 and House, No. 1572, a Bill relative to statewide grand juries (House, No. 4603).

Grand juries.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3250 and 3251, a Bill relative to expunged records (House, No. 4604) [Representative Sullivan of Abington dissenting].

Expunged
records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 835 and House, No. 3260, a Bill relative to construction defect claims by condominium owners (House, No. 4605).

Condominium
owners,—
claims.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to Rosa Parks day (House, No. 4160).

Rosa Parks day.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating banks and banking (see House, No. 4176, amended) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating certain areas of the World War II Memorial in the city of Boston in memory of Edward J. Morrissey, John J. Mullen and Joseph P. Murphy (House, No. 4194); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Karlene Derozier, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4199) (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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.