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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.

A joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of William C. Galvin and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to establish the Revere & Son Heritage Trust, Inc. and to acquire land for the creation and operation of the Paul Revere Museum of Discovery and Innovation and Paul Revere Heritage Site in said town, was transmitted to the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

Revere & Son
Heritage Trust.

Mr. Roy of Franklin presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4411) of Jeffrey N. Roy (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Franklin be authorized to exempt all positions in 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.

Franklin,—
civil
service.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Mark J. Cusack and others that the towns of Braintree, Holbrook and Randolph be authorized to establish the tri-town water district.

Tri-town
water district.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb relative to establishing an excise tax on guns and ammunition and creating a public health and safety fund.

Guns and
ammunition,—
tax.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Livingstone for legislation to authorize cities and towns to impose a local affordable housing surcharge on certain real property.

Municipalities,—
housing
surcharge.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Moran and others for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the au pair exchange visitor program.

Au pairs,—
commission.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the town of Medway (House, No. 3969, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 2, in line 567, striking out the following: "section 23B of

Medway,—
charter.

chapter 39” and inserting in place thereof the following: “sections 18 to 25, inclusive of chapter 30A”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until March 18, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 42, 44, 57, 76, 77, 784, 816, 1242, and 1316, relative to children, families and persons with disabilities.

Children,
Families and
Persons with
Disabilities,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the order (Senate, No. 2513) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, 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 Health be granted until April 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 492, 665, 1205, 1208, 1213, 1217, 1223, 1224, 1234, 1236, 1241, 1247, 1248, 1250, 1251, 1255, 1264, 1270, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1280, 1284, 1295, 1306, 1312, 1314, 1317, 1319, 1323, 1326, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1333, 1335, 1345, 1350, 2206, 2359, and 2453, relative to public health matters.

Public Health,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, the order (Senate, No. 2510) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills

To accelerate the transition of cars, trucks and buses to carbon-free power (Senate, No. 2498) (on Senate bill No. 2476, amended);

Vehicles,—
carbon-free.

Relative to energy savings efficiency (Energy SAVE) (Senate, No. 2499) (on Senate bill No. 2478, amended); and

Energy
efficiency.

Setting next-generation climate policy (Senate, No. 2500) (on Senate bill No. 2477, amended);

Climate
policy.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2523) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Richard G. Perry, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation;

Richard
Perry,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2522) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marie Romelus, an employee of the Center for Health Information and Analysis; and

Marie
Romelus,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2521) of Patrick M. O’Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Ceurvels, an employee of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority;

Michelle
Ceurvels,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

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

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Halifax to continue the employment of Robert G. Gaynor (Senate, No. 2393) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 155);

Relative to speed limitations near waste or recycling collection vehicles (House, No. 1330);

Relative to school safety (House, No. 1562);

Establishing criminal responsibility for motor vehicle “hit and runs” on private property (House, No. 3259);

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Woburn as the Vietnam Veterans memorial bridge (House, No. 4206);

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Woburn as the Angelo Piazza bridge (House, No. 4207);

Relative to offenses while driving on a suspended license (House, No. 4375);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi DiMaggio, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4600); and

Increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward act (House, No. 4601);

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.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, Nos. 632, 633, 637, 638, 639, 640, 642, 643, 644, 645, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 686, 687, 688, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 716, 717, 718, 721, 722, 3553, 3602, 3634, 3650, 3712, 3713, 3763, 3803, 3804, 3831, 3856, 3858, 3859, 3860 and 4065, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning election laws (House, No. 4403) [Senators Eldridge and Chang-Diaz and Representative Carey of Easthampton dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, on the foregoing order, then reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639) of Mike Connolly, Joan Meschino and others relative to child care expenses for candidates while performing work or attending certain campaign events,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Election Laws. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Halifax,—
Robert Gaynor.

Disabilities.

Recycling
vehicles.

School safety.

Hit and
runs.

Woburn,—
bridge.

Woburn,—
Piazza bridge.

Licenses.

Jodi
DiMaggio.

Recreational
vehicles.

Election
Laws,—
study.

Candidates,—
child care
expenses.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 255, 2802, 2803, 2805, 2806, 2807, 2808, 2811, 2812, 2813, 2816, 2817, 2820, 2821, 2822, 2824, 2828, 2829, 2831, 2833, 2834, 2835, 2837, 2838, 2840, 2841, 2844, 2846, 2847, 2848, 2850, 2851, 2852, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2859, 2860, 2864, 2865, 2868, 2869, 2870, 2871, 2872, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2878, 2879, 2880, 2881, 2882, 2883, 2884, 2885, 2886, 2887, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2893, 2894, 2896, 2897, 2898, 2899, 2900, 2902, 2903, 2904, 2905, 2906, 2910, 2914, 2915, 2916, 2918, 2919, 2920, 2921, 2922, 2923, 2924, 2925, 2926, 2927, 2928, 2929, 2930, 3666, 3791, 3893, 3894, 4045, 4148 and 4261, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunication, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning telecommunication, utilities and energy (House, No. 4405). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy,— study.

Subsequently Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, on the foregoing order, then reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2881) of Randy Hunt and others for legislation to further define miniature beverage containers under the “bottle bill”, so-called,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Beverage containers,— requirements.

By Ms. Campbell of Methuen, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, Nos. 3197, 3211, 3213, 3215, 3219, 3222, 3223, 3224, 3225, 3227, 3230, 3236, 3246, 3585, 3674 and 3792, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning veterans and federal affairs (House, No. 4404). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Veterans and Federal Affairs,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 3657, a Bill relative to the misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4609). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Service animals.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3821, a Bill allowing the town of Sharon to grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4402) [Local Approval Received].

Sharon,— liquor licenses.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 3926, a Bill relative to duck hunting in densely populated areas (House, No. 4610).

Revere,— duck hunting.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing additional powers for municipal light boards (see House, No. 4069, amended), 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.

Municipal light boards.

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 5 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), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Leah Reed, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4258), 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.

Leah Reed,— 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 5 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 House Bill relative to Westford home rule charter (House, No. 4235), 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.

Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.