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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.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Warren) congratulating Susan Gregory on the occasion of her retirement as the Executive Director of Hitchcock Free Academy in the town of Brimfield; and

Susan Gregory.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Soter of Bellingham) congratulating and recognizing Carson Domey's national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award;

Carson Domey.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to approval of compacts entered into by the Commonwealth with one or more states.

Multi-state compacts.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark relative to the salary of educators of school aged children incarcerated in county houses of correction or institutions under the control of the departments of mental health, developmental services, public health or youth services.

Educators,— salary.

By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna, Ryan C. Fattman and others relative to employment protections for domestic violence victims.

Domestic violence,— employment.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill addressing barriers to care for mental health (Senate, No. 2546) (on Senate bill No. 2519, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mental health,—
access.

A petition of James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tracey Pisano, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Tracey Pisano,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2556) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 petition of Peter J. Durant and Anne M. Gobi for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Geo Bernardone, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Geo Bernardone,—
sick leave.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 1143, 1698, 1702, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1710, 1711, 1715, 1717, 1718, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1735, 1738, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1745, 1746, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754 and 3722, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning relative to mental health, substance use and recovery issues (House, No. 4450) [Representative Sullivan of Abington dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mental health,
substance use
and recovery,—
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. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 410, 427, 484, 503 and 571, a Bill relative to healthy youth (House, No. 410).

Healthy youth.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 442, a Bill to ensure the health and safety of children (House, No. 4429).

Children,—
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 584 and 585, a Bill to promote student nutrition (House, No. 4434).

Student nutrition.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2036).

Emergency service providers.

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

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center (House, No. 1244).

Reggie Lewis center.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Resolve establishing an enhanced public school safety commission (House, No. 2018).

Public schools,—
safety.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to promote social-emotional learning (House, No. 402).

Students,—
social skills.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 283 and House, Nos. 399, 412, 437 and 522, a Bill relative to carbon monoxide alarms in schools (House, No. 4426).

Schools,—
carbon
monoxide.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 403, a Bill to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities (House, No. 4427).

Children,—
alternative
communication.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 417, a Bill relative to the training, assessment, and use of qualified school interpreters in educational settings (House, No. 4428).

Schools,—
interpreters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 468 and 529, a Resolve authorizing a study of starting times and schedules (House, No. 4430).

School days,—
length.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 433, 483 and 594, a Bill relative to safety and violence education for students (the SAVE Students Act) (House, No. 4431).

Safety and
violence
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 554, a Bill relative to special education finance (House, No. 4432).

Special
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 566 and 4108, a Bill concerning genocide education (House, No. 4433).

Genocide
education.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill to authorize state universities to offer clinical and professional doctorate programs (House, No. 1204).

Universities,—
doctorate
programs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to training tomorrow's truck drivers (House, No. 1205).

Truck drivers,—
training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a community college campus hunger pilot program (House, No. 1233).

Hunger pilot
program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1208, 1209, 1223 and 3655, a Bill relative to sexual violence on higher education campuses (House, No. 4418).

Campuses,—
sexual
violence.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1212, 1218 and 1219, a Bill creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities (House, No. 4419).

Students
with
disabilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1237, a Bill protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4420).

Student
information.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1238, a Bill relative to early college high schools (House, No. 4421).

Early college
high schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1206, a Bill relative to advance placement examinations (House, No. 4423).

Advance
placement.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, No. 32 and on a part of House, No. 27, a Bill relative to explosive bonds (House, No. 32).

Explosive
bonds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to jet ski safety (House, No. 2022).

Jet skis,—
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an emergency equipment grant program for firefighters (House, No. 2025).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Department of Fire Services Commission (House, No. 2026).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to enhanced fire protection in new one and two family dwellings (House, No. 2027).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire protection (House, No. 2028).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a prepaid wireless E911 surcharge (House, No. 2030).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a standing commission on operating under the influence and impaired driving (House, No. 2109).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to construction and rehabilitation of public safety facilities (House, No. 2115).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2029, a Bill relative to the Architectural Access Board (House, No. 4425).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2038, a Bill establishing a regional lockup facility in Suffolk County (House, No. 4436).

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring fairness in public employee workers' compensation benefits (House, No. 1674).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to injured correctional officers (House, No. 2157).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for Mary Donna Nodurf (House, No. 2162).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1534 and House, No. 2164, a Bill relative to option (D) beneficiaries (House, No. 2164).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to employment benefits for Patricia Kannler (House, No. 2170).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to documentary material or data received by retirement boards (House, No. 2172).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to attorneys at the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 2183).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain option B and option C retirees (House, No. 2196).

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to prevent concussion and head injury (House, No. 397).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to school disciplinary hearings (House, No. 548).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4248, a Bill authorizing Old Rochester Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements (House, No. 4435).

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1226, a Bill ensuring students' access to academic transcripts (House, No. 4424).

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to dangerous weapons (House, No. 2108).

Firefighters,—
equipment.

Fire Services
Commission.

New dwellings,—
fire safety.

Fire
protection.

E911
surcharge.

Impaired
driving.

Public safety
facilities.

Architectural
Access Board.

Boston, etc.,—
lockup.

Public
employees,—
benefits.

Correctional
officers.

Mary Donna
Nodurf.

Survivor
benefits.

Patricia
Kannler.

Retirement
boards.

D.C.F.
attorneys.

Retirement
options.

Concussion and
head injuries.

School
discipline.

Renewable
energy.

Academic
transcripts.

Dangerous
weapons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing child safety (House, No. 2116).

Child safety.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1481 and House, No. 2176, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (House, No. 2176).

Water authority.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1478 and House, No. 2177, a Bill providing for fairness and equity for Massachusetts Water Resources Authority employees (House, No. 2177).

Id.

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

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1598) of Tackey Chan and Bruce J. Ayers relative to workers' compensation insurance.

Worker's compensation insurance.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass, on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3137) of Theodore C. Speliotis and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to authorize the Registry of Motor Vehicles to develop, design and implement a redesigned registration plate system for motor vehicles.

Motor vehicle plates.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District to enter into solar power generation agreements (see Senate, No. 1971, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Validating the actions of the town of East Brookfield relative to the health insurance coverage of town employees and retirees (see House, No. 2167) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the city known as the town of Watertown to grant 15 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4241); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4243);

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.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city council of the city of Somerville to appoint a clerk of committees and assistant clerks of committees (Senate, No. 2307), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bill.

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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.