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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.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) 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 the Judiciary be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 66, 1343, 1346, 1358, 1372, 1383, 1487, 1517, 1537, 1538, 1565, 3263, 3265, 3266, 3274, 3320, 3367, 3420, 3421, 3422, 3452, 3566, 3770, 4238, 4249, 4295 and 4599.

The Judiciary
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4702), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) 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 the Judiciary be granted until Tuesday, June 30, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4652, 4658, 4659 and 4664.

The Judiciary
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4703), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb and others for legislation to provide residents with access to face coverings for protection during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Face
coverings.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Denise C. Garlick and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Thomas
Hartley,—
sick leave.

By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tami L. Gouveia and others relative to emergency hazard health benefits for essential employees.

Essential employees,— healthcare.

By Messrs. Roy of Franklin and Santiago of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy, Jon Santiago and Nika C. Elugardo relative to elections and voting.

Elections.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Fitchburg to change the use of a certain parcel of land acquired for park purposes (Senate, No. 2693) (on Senate bill No. 2419), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Fitchburg,— land.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2681) of Anne M. Gobi and Jonathan D. Zlotnik (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to supplemental reserves in the town of Winchendon, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Winchendon,— financial reserves.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2700) of Paul R. Feeney, Linda Dean Campbell, Patrick M. O'Connor, James K. Hawkins and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide liability protections for contractors, subcontractors and unions during the COVID-19 Pandemic. To the committee on the Judiciary.

COVID-19,— liability protections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2701) of Jason M. Lewis, Nika C. Elugardo, Tram T. Nguyen, Michael J. Barrett and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to emergency paid sick time. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Emergency paid sick time.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2702) of Diana DiZoglio, Ryan C. Fattman, Patrick M. O'Connor, Marcos A. Devers and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide COVID-19 emergency financial relief for veterans. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

COVID-19,— veterans.

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:

COVID-19,— delivery commissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael S. Day and others relative to restaurant delivery commissions during the COVID-19 state of emergency. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Flood insurance,— rate maps.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to zoning for flood insurance rate maps by cities and towns. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

COVID-19,— burial funds.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carlos González and others for legislation to establish a COVID-19 essential worker burial assistance fund. To the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees. To the committee on Public Service.

COVID-19,—
retirement
presumption.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a commission on automated decision-making, artificial intelligence, transparency, fairness, and individual rights (House, No. 2701), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Artificial
intelligence,
etc.,—
study

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain playground in the city of Chelsea as the Jack W. Fraser Memorial Playground (see House, No. 4015) (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.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Sharon to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4402) (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.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 4080), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading be correctly, was read a third time.

Dedham,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Dedham to the select board (House, No. 4704), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

