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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 with the Clerk by Ms. Hogan of Stow) recognizing the month of May as Skin Cancer Prevention and Detection Month, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Skin cancer
prevention.

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

Communications.

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From the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA), in conjunction with MassHealth (see Section 11 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting its biennial report on the provision of continuous skilled nursing (CSN) care for both pediatric and adult populations;

Quality
health care.

From the Commissioner of Insurance (see sections 4A and 4B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) submitting the 2018 Annual Home Insurance Report of the Division of Insurance [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, as required by said law];

Home
insurance.

From the Commissioner of Insurance (see Section 117C of Chapter 175 of the General Laws) relative to credit insurance for the year 2018 [a copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Financial Services, as required by said law];

Credit
insurance.

From the Department of Public Health (see item 4512-0204 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the first responder naloxone grants and overdose education and naloxone distribution report;

Naloxone
grants.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2B of Chapter 18 and Section 3C of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Consolidated Report [copies were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and

Transitional
assistance.

From the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board (see Section 207 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the fifth and final report relative to its

MBTA,—
control
board.

revenue, operating budget, capital plan and progress toward meeting performance metrics and targets;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Monthly reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through November 2019;

Unemployment Trust Fund.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through December 2019; and

Id.

Annual Reports

Of the Department of Mental Health (under Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of facilities other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater being used for treatment of certain males and the number of persons so committed to such facilities in the previous year;

Correctional institution commitments.

Of the District Attorney of Bristol County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2019;

Bristol County,— wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of Hampden County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2019;

Hampden County,— wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of Plymouth County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2019;

Plymouth County,— wiretaps.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (under Section 29A(k) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund for fiscal year 2019 [copies of the report were forwarded to the Speaker of the House and the committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and

Brownfields redevelopment.

Of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) and the Massachusetts Cultural Council (see Section 46(m) of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting the annual reports of the Transformative Development Fund Collaborative Workspace Program and Cultural Facilities Fund for fiscal year 2019 [copies of the reports were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means; Economic Development and Emerging Technologies; and Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law]; and

Collaborative workspace and cultural facilities.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting the annual report on the prosecution statistics of the district attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2019; and

District attorneys,— prosecution statistics.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting the amended annual report on the prosecution statistics of the district attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2019; and

Id.

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under Section 17 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 [received via electronic mail on January 22, 2020];

Bureau of Special Investigations.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Mr. Cutler of Pembroke presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to a sales tax exemption for protective facial coverings; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Facial coverings.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill addressing COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment (House, No. 4672), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its further amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4710) with a still further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2703. The still further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

COVID-19,— data.

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:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until July 31, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 313, 823, 824, 825, 845, 850, 861, 899, 902, 913, 937, 939, 952, 956, 978, 983, 989, 1041, 1209, 1385, 2441, 2457, 2480, and 2571, relative to judiciary matters.

Judiciary,— extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order (Senate, No. 2704), 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:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until June 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2644, relative to judiciary.

Judiciary,— extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order (Senate, No. 2705), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of [sic] Department of Correction (House, No. 4724), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Rebecca Stratford,— sick leave.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill further regulating appointments to city offices in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2411) [Local Approval Received]; and
House bills

Gloucester,—
appointments.

To amend the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4329) [Local Approval Received];

Greenfield,—
charter.

Exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (House, No. 4330) [Local Approval Received];

Northampton,—
appointments.

Relative to certain affordable housing in the Charlestown section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4438) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
housing.

Relative to the town of Sandwich (House, No. 4468) [Local Approval Received];

Sandwich.

Authorizing the city of Salem to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4473) [Local Approval Received]; and

Salem,—
property tax.

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4557) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—
liquor
license.

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.

Report of the committee on Housing, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4590) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate certain affordable housing in the city of Holyoke.

Holyoke,—
affordable
housing.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

Report of the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4626) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to appropriate funds to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for emergency funding for certain homeless services.

Homeless
services,—
funding.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

Report of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4409) 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.

Chelsea,—
land.

Under suspension of the rules on motion of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, on motion of the same member.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Zamansky, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Senate, No. 2603) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city of Gloucester to designate certain property for conservation and recreation purposes (see Senate, No. 2330);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2366, amended);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Amending the charter of the town of Westwood (see House, No. 4166);

Authorizing the town of Leicester to continue the employment of Paul S. Doray (see House, No. 4240); and

Authorizing the licensing authority of the city of Woburn to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4338);

(Which severally 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.

Recess.

At twenty-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes after four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Woburn to use certain land for fire station purposes (House, No. 4636), 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.

The Senate further amendment of the House amendment of the Senate Bill providing additional support to those affected by the novel coronavirus through the unemployment insurance system (Senate, No. 2618, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Unemployment
insurance.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its further amendment with a still further amendment by striking out all after the

enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4734.

The still further amendment was adopted. The House then concurred with the Senate in its further amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the still further amendment.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing additional support to those affected by the novel coronavirus through the unemployment insurance system (see Senate, No. 2618, 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.

Unemployment insurance.

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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At thirteen minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.