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Met at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M. with Mr. Day of Stoneham 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. Day), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative Elugardo of Boston.

A statement of Ms. Elugardo of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for the session held on Wednesday, June 19 due to my attendance of community events in my neighborhood related to a double homicide that occurred in my district earlier that week. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on passing to be engrossed House bill No. 3904, An Act relative to appraisal management companies. I would also have voted in the affirmative on passing to be engrossed House Bill No. 3535, An Act expanding agriculture preservation restrictions for hemp cultivation. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Ms. Elugardo
of Boston.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3991) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Winchester be authorized to further regulate certain liquor licenses in said town;

Winchester,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3992) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Winchester be authorized to grant not more than 6 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages on the premises to nonprofit charitable corporations; and

Id.

By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3993) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Milford,—
liquor
license.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3994) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Scott Wood to take the civil service examination for appointment as a reserve police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Haverhill,—
Scott Wood.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3995) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Winchester be authorized to establish a senior property tax exemption in said town; and

Winchester,—
senior tax
exemption.

By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3996) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to eliminate the requirement for the Milford Geriatric Authority to make payments to said town in lieu of taxes;

Milford,—
tax payment.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush relative to property tax exemptions for real estate of survivors of certain police officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Responders,—
survivor tax
exemptions.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to establish a memorial bench in Pope John Paul II Park in the city of Boston in memory of Robert M. “Bobby” Mudge.

Boston,—
Mudge
bench.

By Mr. Moran of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William McGowan relative to requiring valid photo identification at real estate open houses.

Open houses,—
identification.

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

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 Edward F. Coppinger and Michael F. Rush relative to certain property to be used for conservation or recreational purposes in the West Roxbury neighborhood of the city of Boston. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Boston,—
property.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David T. Vieira, Viriato M. deMacedo and Randy Hunt (by vote of the town) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Bourne,—
easement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, 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 Senate Bill providing for the assignment of a perpetual conservation restriction in the town of Middleborough (Senate, No. 2292) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Middleborough,—
land.

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

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 5 and on a part of House, No. 3, a Bill improving the internal controls within state agencies (House, No. 5).

Agencies,—
internal
controls.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 34 and on a part of House, No. 27, a Bill relative to Treasury operations (House, No. 34).

Treasury,—
operations.

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

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3692, a Bill establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3989). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Building
trades,—
recovery
week.

Recess.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Day of Stoneham being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to GreenWorks [sic] (House, No. 3987), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day, and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell.

Climate
change,—
municipalities.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Vieira of Falmouth moved to amend it by striking out section 6; and after remarks the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Gouveia of Acton then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in line 45, by inserting after the word “environmental,” the words “public health.” After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Robinson of Framingham then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 107, by inserting after the word “program” the following sentence: “Within the program, no fewer than 50 per cent of grant funds will be dedicated annually to eligible public infrastructure projects authorized pursuant to subsection (a)(i) and subsection (a)(ii).” After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Hecht of Watertown then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 117, by inserting after the word “round.” the following sentence: “When applicable, preference shall be given to projects that achieve the greatest greenhouse gas emission reductions per dollar spent.”; and after remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair,—

Ms. Dykema of Holliston then moved to amend the bill in section 2A by adding the following item:

“9300-8004 For the purpose of continuing the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles program upon the depletion of its existing funds; provided, however, that the department of energy resources shall offer rebates of not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$5,000 for the purchase or lease of battery electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles and zero-emissions vehicles for sale or lease with a retail price of not more than \$40,000.....\$30,000,000”.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brodeur of Melrose then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 99, by inserting after the word “buildings” the words “, improve the climate resiliency of water infrastructure and water resources”; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cahill of Lynn then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in item 9300-8000, in lines 19 to 20, by striking out the words “two neighboring municipal buildings, and provide” and inserting in place there of the following: “2 neighboring municipal buildings connected by an electric distribution company, and such microgrid provides”. The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Provost of Somerville then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in item 9300-8000, in line 27, by inserting after the word “capacity” the words “, provided, however, that the clean energy or renewable energy generating resources shall not include the combustion of an energy source that emits greenhouse gases when generating electricity”; and

In section 3, in line 102, by inserting after the word “land” the words “, provided, however, that the renewable energy, energy storage and alternative energy projects shall not involve the combustion of an energy source that emits greenhouse gases when generating electricity”.

After remarks the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 101, by inserting after the word “renewable” the word “energy”; and the amendment was adopted.

On the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Golden of Lowell; and on the roll call 158 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 85 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 3997, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ryan Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2218), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Parisella of Beverly; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 85.

Ryan
Russell,—
sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at

Next
sitting.

eleven o'clock A.M.

Representatives Coppinger of Boston and Fiola of Fall River moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of George F. Cronin, Jr., a member of the Executive Council from 1965 to 1982, inclusive, and Administrative Secretary to the Executive Council from 1982 to 2019, inclusive; and the motion prevailed; and at the request of Speaker pro Tempore Haddad, the House stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Cronin.

Mr. Barrows of Mansfield then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-four minutes before five o'clock P.M. (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.