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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to authorizing and accelerating transportation investment (House, No. 4002), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, July 25.

Transportation,—
investment.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, exchange students from Bavaria who were taking part in Operation Friendship of America in Palmer. They were the guests of Mr. Smola of Warren.

Operation
Friendship.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, college and university students who were taking part in Blue Lab. They were the guests of Mr. Walsh of Peabody.

Blue
Lab.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Richard F. Joyce for his twenty-four years of dedicated service to the town of Wellesley, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Richard
Joyce.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills
Ending child marriage in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2294) (on Senate bill No. 24);

Child
marriage.

Increasing consumer transparency about insurance provider networks (Senate, No. 2295) (on Senate bill No. 610); and

Insurance,—
networks.

Ensuring consumer choice and equal access to eye care (Senate, No. 2296) (on Senate bill No. 2278);

Eye care,—
access.

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

A Bill allowing the city of Westfield to set the salary of the city clerk as the clerk of the city council through local process (Senate, No. 2197) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westfield,—
city clerk.

A report of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 452) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Julian Cyr, Jack Patrick Lewis, Edward J. Kennedy and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the proper disposal of miniatures, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Bottle bill,—
miniatures.

A petition of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to create a community process to supervise the disposition of a certain parcel of land on Leo M. Birmingham Parkway in the Allston-Brighton section of the city of Boston, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,—
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2304) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Balsler of Newton, for the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 615) of Kate Hogan and others relative to the disposal of resources for determining eligibility for Medicaid,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medicaid,—
eligibility

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 74, reported, in part, a Bill relative to simulcasting and racing (House, No. 4003). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Simulcasting.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be

engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Designating Dysautonomia & POTS awareness month (House, No. 2709);

Designating inflammatory breast cancer awareness day (House, No. 2736); and

Designating domestic workers' rights day (House, No. 2750);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Dysautonomia.
Breast cancer.
Home workers.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill instructing the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to study the feasibility of establishing an animal shelter and dog park on state-owned property in the city of Quincy (House, No. 725).

Quincy,—
animal
shelter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill instructing the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game to study the feasibility of repurposing the former Moon Island Sewage Treatment Plant for the purposes of fish and shellfish farms (House, No. 730).

Fish and
shellfish farm,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 439 and House, No. 743, a Bill to reduce packaging waste (House, No. 743) [Representatives Cahill of Lynn, Garry of Dracut and Haggerty of Woburn dissenting].

Packaging
waste,—
reduction.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to benefits for Bridgewater State University police officers (House, No. 2230).

Bridgewater
University,—
police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain state police retirement benefits (House, No. 2256).

State Police,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the unfunded pension liability for retired sheriff's department employees in Barnstable county (House, No. 3929).

Barnstable
county,—
sheriffs.

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to failed septic systems (House, No. 869).

Septic
systems.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Jaillet, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3981).

Robert
Jaillet,—
sick leave.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sophia R. Velez, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see House, No. 3739), 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.

Sophia
Velez,—
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 6 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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Debra Messier, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see House, No. 3849), 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.

Debra
Messier,—
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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Kitchen-Taraska, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 3914), 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.

Michelle
Kitchen-
Taraska,—
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.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ryan Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2218) (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.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Framingham as the Deanna K. Richards memorial bridge (see House, No. 3067) (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 Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 2240), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Hinsdale (House, No. 3679) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to expanding the board of selectmen in the town of Duxbury (House, No. 3902);

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.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.