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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mrs. Campbell of Methuen) 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 Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until Thursday, December 31, 2020, within which to make its final report on a current Senate document numbered 2916.

Veterans and
Federal Affairs
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5091) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Campbell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Messrs. Frost of Auburn and McKenna of Webster presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4901) of Paul K. Frost, Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Oxford be authorized to remove a certain residency requirement from the charter of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Oxford,—
residency
requirement.

Mr. Mahoney of Worcester presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Mahoney for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James F. King, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

James
King,—
sick leave.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing survivor benefits to Ava Roy, the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy (see House, No. 4826) (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.

Bill
enacted.

Recess.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to protect children, families, and firefighters from harmful flame retardants (House, No. 3500), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4900). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Flame
retardants.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, 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. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant a drainage easement, and amending a permanent right of way easement, to the city of Marlborough (House, No. 3982), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4899). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Marlborough,—
land.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer and convey certain parcels of land in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4970), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5094). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westborough,—
land.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill establishing a distinctive registration plate for Medal of Liberty recipients (House, No. 4359), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Medal of Liberty,—
license plate.

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

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

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 5014, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5102) [Total appropriation: \$423,143,378.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental budget.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 90, 91, 95, 99, 110, 116, 119, 123, 125, 129, 132, 143, 151, 152, 153, 156, 157, 164 and 165, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning children, families and persons with disabilities matters (House, No. 5088).

Children, families and persons with disabilities matters,—
study.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 739, 754, 781, 834, 839, 885, 890 and 3764, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning hunting (House, No. 5013).

Hunting,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 865, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning trail funding (House, No. 5030).

Trail funding,—
study.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 1254, 1255, 1256, 1259, 1302, 1303, 1315, 1319, 1326, 3878, 3880, 3881 and 4284, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning condominiums, tenants, landlords and miscellaneous matters (House, No. 5089).

Condominiums, tenants, landlords, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 811, 1843, 1847, 1873, 1905, 1940, 1941, 1950, 1984, 1989, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2013, 3486, 3501, 3660 and 3842, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public health matters (House, No. 5090).

Public health matters,—
study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate Nos. 1661, 1664, 1723, 1737, 1742 and 1743 and House, Nos. 96, 2397, 2449, 2486, 2657, 3887, 3889 and 4006, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to

Income tax and tax credits,—

make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning income tax and tax credits (House, No. 5031). study.

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

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Groton to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 4809); and Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Lenox to transfer certain park property in exchange for dedication of conservation land (House, No. 4949, changed);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting. Next sitting.

At four minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.