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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Tucker of Salem 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. Tucker), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Statement of Representative Rogers of Norwood.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood 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 unable to be present for a portion of the sitting of Thursday, November 12 due to personal business. Had I been present, I would have voted in the negative on roll call number 279, on adoption of Consolidated Amendment "C" to House, No. 5150. My missing of said roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Providing for agricultural commission input on board of health regulations (Senate, No. 2446) (on Senate, No. 1268);

Amending the charter of the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2904) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Concord to establish an affordable housing surcharge (Senate, No. 2951) (on Senate bill No. 2317) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Agricultural commissions.

Rockland,— charter.

Concord,— housing surcharge.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, No. 2659 and House, Nos. 4516, 4634, 4726, 4727, 4728 and 4760, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning local affordable housing surcharge, stimulus checks, extending the deadline for collection of certain taxes during COVID-19 and tax exemptions for face coverings (House, No. 5109) [Senators Brady and Fattman and Representative Domb of Amherst dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Housing surcharge, stimulus checks, etc.,— study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to accelerating improvements to the local and regional public health system to address disparities in the delivery of public health services (House, No. 5045). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Public
health,—
disparities.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Saugus to designate a check-off box on its [sic] municipal tax bills or motor vehicle excise tax bills for the Saugus Emergency Relief Fund (House, No. 5049) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Saugus,—
tax bills.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Corporal Lawrence L. Lukasevicius memorial bridge (see House, No. 3191) (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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian Thompson, an employee of Department of Correction (House, No. 5063) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Tucker of Salem being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.