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Met at twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, in an Informal Session, with Mr. Ryan of Boston 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. Ryan), the members 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. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Marc V. Waldman on the occasion of his retirement from the town of Wellesley, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Marc
Waldman.

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

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) 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 Election Laws be granted until Thursday, December 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 5083.

Election
Laws,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5149), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representatives Vincent of Revere and DeLeo of Winthrop presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5152) of RoseLee Vincent, Robert A. DeLeo and Joseph A. Boncore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city council, and school committee in the city of Revere; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Revere,—
residency
requirements.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 5151), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2955.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Garlick of Needham and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

A petition of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kara Turco, an employee of the Middlesex County Sherriff's Department, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Kara Turco,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2962) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 1699, 1709 and 1716, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning behavioral health services (House, No. 5097).

Behavioral
health
services,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1724, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning mental health examination process of inmates at places of detention (House, No. 5098).

Inmate
mental health,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1733, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning reducing emergency department boarding for patients in need of inpatient behavioral health services (House, No. 5099).

Inpatient
behavioral
health,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1734, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning prior authorization requirements for inpatient mental health services within the MassHealth program (House, No. 5100).

Inpatient
mental health,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1745, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning residents

Substance use
disorders,—
study.

with active substance use disorder accessing skilled nursing facility care (House, No. 5101).

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James F. King, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 5146). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

James King,—
sick leave.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marshall Johnson, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see House, No. 5019), 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.

Marshall
Johnson,—
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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carissa Sinclair, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 4875) (which originated in the House), 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 amending certain liquor licenses in the town of Winchester (see House, No. 3991) (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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

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

