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Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

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.

Communication.

A communication from the Permanent Commission on the Future of the Metropolitan Beaches (see Section 6 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014) submitting the annual report of said commission on the state of metropolitan beaches, the existing maintenance, operational and infrastructure needs for those beaches, the best management practices and funding alternatives for each beach, and recommendations on alternatives and methods to improve access from metropolitan beaches to the Boston Harbor Islands, was placed on file.

Metropolitan Beaches Commission.

Annual Reports.

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Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 1G(g) of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) relative to degree of impact on the aggregate reduction of the electricity and impact on transition charges due to implementation or use of cogeneration systems, fuel cell and renewable energy technologies; and

Electricity, cogeneration systems, etc.

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 8 of Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2014) regarding the feasibility, impacts and benefits of allowing electric distribution company customers to net meter electricity generated by small hydroelectric facilities [a copy was forwarded to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law];

Electricity, net metering.

Severally were placed on file.

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 petition of Benjamin Swan and others for legislation to designate the Hampden County Superior Court as the Roderick L. Ireland courthouse. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Roderick L. Ireland courthouse.

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

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Bourne,land

Wareham.events fund.

Randolph,charter.

Authorizing the town of Bourne to grant an easement over a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 33) [Local Approval Received];

Further regulating the Community Events Fund in the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 1099) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the amendment of the charter of the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 1942) [Local Approval Received];

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

Federal marketplace fairness.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to promote sales tax fairness for main street retailers (House, No. 2569). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Motor vehicle excise taxes.

Corporate excise,net-worth.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to motor vehicle excise taxes (House, No. 2484).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1546 and 1565 and House, No. 2548, a Bill to clarify the net-worth measure of the corporate excise (House, No. 3639).

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

Volunteer firefighters, exemption.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to provide volunteer firefighters with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 2583). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading hill

The House Bill relative to the charter of the city of Newton (House, No. 3563), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Next sitting.

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

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., 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.