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Met at six minutes after 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 submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2018 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4231), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 8.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions.

Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Moore presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the town of Shrewsbury; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Shrewsbury,—
land.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of the city of Boston be authorized to enter into a single energy management services contract to provide energy management services to all public and private properties, either owned or leased, within the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park in said city.

Boston,—
energy
management.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley relative to legalizing recreational fireworks for holders of firearms identification cards or licenses to carry.

Fireworks,—
licenses.

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephan Hay and others relative to the funding of and application to the Massachusetts School

School Building
Authority.

Building Authority.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1988) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to increase protection against drivers under the influence of drugs; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1992) of Bruce E. Tarr and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to promote motor vehicle safety;

And recommending the same severally be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A petition of Cynthia S. Creem and Kenneth I. Gordon for legislation to enhance investigations of sexual harassment and discrimination, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2301) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill establishing the Massachusetts law revision commission (House, No. 1706),— 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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the foregoing Bill establishing the Massachusetts law revision commission (House, No. 1706), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolve providing for the creation of a special commission relative to the seal and motto of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1707),— 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.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the foregoing Resolve providing for the creation of a special commission relative to the seal and motto of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1707), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill,

Driving,—
drugs.

Motor vehicles,—
safety.

Harassment and
discrimination,—
investigations.

Law revision
commission.

State seal
and motto.

Consumers,—
credit reports.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

House, No. 134) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to removing fees for security freezes and disclosures of consumer credit reports, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the report was considered forthwith.

Mr. Chan then moved that the report be amended by substitution of the Bill removing fees for security freezes and disclosures of consumer credit reports (House, No. 4229), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill, was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

Relative to authorizing governmental bodies and other approved parties to use shared legal representation and consultants in matters of common interest (House, No. 1111);

Shared
legal
services.

Protecting information relating to the religious affiliation of an individual (House, No. 3369);

Religious
affiliation.

Authorizing the merger of the Salvation Army of Massachusetts, Inc. into the Salvation Army, a New York corporation (House, No. 3691); and

Salvation Army,—
merger.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Lee as the Louis J. DiGrigoli Bridge (House, No. 4156, changed);

Lee,—
DiGrigoli
bridge.

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.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 1954, 2432 and 3236, a Bill supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 1954). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Developmental
disabilities,—
training.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 1800). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Boston
Harbor,—
ferry service.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, No. 1624, a Bill to promote conservation through oyster shell recycling (House, No. 4213).

Oyster
shells,—
recycling.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1480, a Bill promoting student loan repayment (House, No. 4214).

Student loan
repayment.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing improved access to taxicabs for persons with disabilities (House, No. 1791) [Representative Meschino of Hull dissenting].

Taxicabs,—
access.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring an actuarial study of the MBTA retirement fund (House, No. 1876).

MBTA,—
retirement fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 1901).

MBTA,—
retirement
benefits.

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

Means.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to membership in an employee organization (House, No. 1003).

Employee organizations.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing the fines and penalties for texting and driving (House, No. 1792).

Driving,—
texting
fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 1860).

Hardship
licenses,—
violations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 1861).

Breakdown lane,—
fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to year of manufacture registration plates (House, No. 1872).

Antique cars,—
plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill restoring accountability in claims against certain non-governmental actions for damage caused by public way defects (House, No. 2724).

Public ways,—
defects.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1834, a Bill to prevent jaywalking (House, No. 4226). [Representative Meschino of Hull dissenting].

Jaywalking.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 4147), 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.

Bonding,—
terms.

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.

Authorizing the Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Sheffield to the Great Barrington Housing Authority (see Senate, No. 2102, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the retirement benefits of certain employees of the city of Chicopee (see House, No. 3942);

Providing for the purchase of the Milford Water Company by the town of Milford (see House, No. 3978); and

Relative to the dissolution of the Milford Water Company and the acquisition of its assets by the town of Milford (see House, No. 4055);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for

final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the Massachusetts Port Authority community advisory committee (House, No. 4101); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Dobson, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4139);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

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 one minute after 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.