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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating John Allerton Doughty on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

John
Doughty.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Ian Gunderson on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Ian
Gunderson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating James Todd Sanislow on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

James
Sanislow.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Chief Michael D. Burks, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Hudson Police Department;

Michael
Burks.

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

Petitions.

Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4422) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to make permanent improvements to private ways and assess betterments in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Webster,—
private
ways.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin G. Honan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to fund affordable housing through a fee on certain real estate transfers.

Boston,—
affordable
housing.

By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to warranty for motor vehicles after certain sales.

Motor vehicle
warranty.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until May 12, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 823, 824, 825, 845, 850, 861, 899, 902, 913, 937, 939, 952, 956, 978, 983, 989, 1041, 1209, 1385, 2441, and 2457, relative to Judiciary committee.

Judiciary committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the order (Senate, No. 2506) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until May 12, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 313, relative to Judiciary committee.

Judiciary committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the order (Senate, No. 2507) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until April 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 195, and House document numbered 311, relative to competitive supply.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure committee,—
extension for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the order (Senate, No. 2515) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until April 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 116, and House document numbered 315, relative to the sale of sports and entertainment tickets.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure committee,—
extension for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the order (Senate, No. 2516) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

There being no objection,— the following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until May 8, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 101, and House document numbered 13, relative to horse racing and wavering.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure committee,—
extension for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the order (Senate, No. 2517) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill to modernize certain provisions of the agricultural preservation restriction program (Senate, No. 2520) (on Senate bill No. 527), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Agricultural preservation,—restrictions.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2535) of Marc R. Pacheco, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the Department of Revenue to approve a revised tax rate for the city of Taunton for the fiscal year 2020. To the committee on Revenue.

Taunton,—tax rate.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2536) of Katrina King for legislation relative to junior license operators driving family members with disabilities. To the committee on Transportation.

Junior operators.

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 Resolve relative to housing visitability (House, No. 1278);

Housing.

Of the 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. 2962);

Long Island,—ferry.

Of the Bill investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 4332); and

Minimum pricing.

Of the Bill relative to the misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4609);

Service animals.

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. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4243) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reading,—senior taxes.

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 Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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

To increase transparency in the Massachusetts land record systems to protect the property rights of homeowners and businesses (House, No. 1413);

Land rights.

Relative to the Northampton Housing Authority (House, No. 3685) [Local Approval Received];

Northampton housing board.

Allowing the town of Sharon to grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4402) [Local Approval Received];

Sharon,—liquor licenses.

Relative to statewide grand juries (House, No. 4603); and Relative to duck hunting in densely populated areas (House, No. 4610); Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	Grand juries. Revere.
By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 843 and House, No. 3388, a Bill improving medical decision making (House, No. 3388). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	Medical decision making.
By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to lithium-ion batteries (House, No. 808).	Lithium-ion batteries.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 486 and House, Nos. 853, 897 and 3737, a Bill to study forest management practices (House, No. 4415).	Forest management.
Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	
By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to public access to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 726).	Boston Harbor,— Long Island.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Division of Waterways to dredge Quincy Bay [sic] (House, No. 727).	Quincy Bay,— dredging.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to save recycling costs in the Commonwealth (House, No. 750).	Recycling,— costs.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring reserve electric power at wastewater treatment facilities (House, No. 752).	Electric power.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to study the health of the Blue Hills Forest and ecology to inform long-term reservation management (House, No. 757).	Blue Hills,— ecologic health.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to paint recycling (House, No. 796).	Paint recycling.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission on livestock shelter requirements (House, No. 868).	Livestock,— shelter.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to buffer zones on land under the agricultural restriction program (House, No. 870).	Agricultural restrictions.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission to study dredging needs for recreational boating in Commonwealth waterways (House, No. 883) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].	Waterways,— dredging.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 792, a Bill governing the use of pesticides containing the herbicide substance Glyphosate in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4413).	Glyphosate,— use.
By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to judicial case managers and assistant judicial case managers for the Middlesex Probate and Family Court (House, No. 3325).	Middlesex probate court,— managers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assistant registers and administrative deputy assistants for the Middlesex Probate and Family Court (House, No. 3326).	Middlesex Probate Court,— assistants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to permit publication of reports of decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court in electronic format (House, No. 3268).

Courts,—
electronic
reports.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to solar assessments (House, No. 3838, changed in section 1, in line 21, by striking out the figures: "10,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "20,000").

Solar
assessments.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to local impacts of enacted legislation (House, No. 2674).

Legislation,—
fiscal notes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts (House, No. 2699).

Construction,—
payments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting community on-the-job training for youths (House, No. 2706).

Youth,—
job training.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to fair pay and safe workplaces (House, No. 2723).

Workplaces,—
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the state property zoning exemption (House, No. 2724).

Property,—
zoning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities (House, No. 2725).

Authorities,—
awards.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase competition and reduce costs for constructing water treatment plants (House, No. 2763).

Water
plants.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the public records law (House, No. 2782).

Public
records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4033, a Bill to create the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway trust fund (House, No. 4412).

Boston,—
Birmingham
Parkway.

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to community preservation funds for coastal infrastructure (House, No. 731) [Representative Ciccolo of Lexington dissenting].

Coastal
infrastructure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren (House, No. 791).

Children,—
pesticide.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill confirming Commercial Wharf East Condominium Association present uses as authorized by the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan and Chapter 663 of the Acts of 1964 and Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1972 and preventing residents from being forced to sell their property and leave (House, No. 833).

Commercial
Wharf,—
property
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to landfills and areas of critical environmental concern (House, No. 894).

Landfills.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the edible crab fishery (House, No. 4294).

Edible crab
fishery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 4331).

Law
enforcement,—
memorials.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 895, a Bill relative to solid waste disposal facilities (House, No. 4414).

Solid waste,—
disposal.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to anti-litigation provisions in condominium documents (House, No. 3261).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to update expungement (House, No. 3275) [Representative Sullivan of Abington dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to secure civil rights through the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3277).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to simplify administrative aspect of evidentiary use of medical information (House, No. 3330).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify the charitable purposes of certain organizations (House, No. 3331).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 928 and House, No. 3392, a Bill relative to child-centered family law (House, No. 3392) [Senators Eldridge, Chang-Diaz, Brownsberger, Creem and Lesser dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the protection of persons with disabilities (House, No. 3427).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to caregiver authorization affidavits (House, No. 3445).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 890 and House, No. 3455, a Bill protecting the safety of victims of violent crimes (House, No. 3455).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 999 and House, No. 3567, a Bill to enhance courthouse security (House, No. 3567).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the collateral consequences of alimony (House, No. 3701).

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill requiring the master plans of cities and towns to address climate change and renewable energy (House, No. 3723).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the building or rebuilding of bridges on land that falls under the jurisdiction of more than one municipality (House, No. 3836).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting neighboring communities from deleterious construction (House, No. 3837).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hopkinton to remove certain land from a conservation restriction (House, No. 4319) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill granting equal access to original birth certificates to all persons born in Massachusetts (House, No. 1892).

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard (House, No. 2683).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish Uncle Sam day (House, No. 2703).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the blanding turtle as the official turtle of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2716).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the structure of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board (House, No. 2794).

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

Condominiums,—
litigation.

Records,—
expungement.

Civil
rights.

Evidence,—
health records.

Charities,—
purposes.

Child-
centered
family law.

Persons with
disabilities.

Caregivers,—
affadavits.

Victims,—
records.

Courts,—
gun possession.

Alimony,—
calculation.

Climate change
and renewable
energy.

Bridges,—
construction.

Deleterious
construction.

Hopkinton,—
land.

Birth
certificates,—
access.

Army, Air
Force and
National Guard.

Uncle
Sam day.

Official
turtle.

Employment
board.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for the annual election of school committee members in the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District (see House, No. 634, amended) (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.

House bills

Authorizing the Salem scholarship and education committee to provide scholarships from funds set aside for educational purposes (House, No. 4041);

Relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4166); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi DiMaggio, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4600) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty 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 Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.