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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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of the Present Moment, we pray for our House membership and for the many persons who work in and around the State House.

Prayer.

God of Serenity, God of Turbulence, we thank You for the wonderful weather we enjoy today and we ask You to be with the citizens of our Commonwealth as we prepare for a major storm that approaches during a period of higher tides than usual.

We remember those from the picturesque coastal town of Scituate as today marks the anniversary of the birth of one of the original Supreme Court Justices, William Cushing. Born in Scituate in 1732, a graduate of Harvard College, Cushing was the first Chief Justice of Massachusetts following the Revolutionary War. Cushing's ruling in favor of slave Quock Walker established the basis for ending slavery in Massachusetts on constitutional grounds.

Cushing was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President George Washington in 1789. He administered the oath of office to Washington for his second term. A few years later, Justice Cushing declined President Washington's nomination to be the Chief Justice. He went on to serve the Court for almost 21 years. He was the last Supreme Court Justice to wear the red robe and powdered wig. Justice William Cushing lies buried in Cushing State Park, the smallest of all Massachusetts state parks.

We therefore remember in thought and prayer today 3rd Plymouth District Representative Joan Meschino and her staff.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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.

Special Report.

A special report of the Counsel to the House of Representatives (under the provisions of House Order numbered 3983) submitting comprehensive review of all structures, policies, procedures and operations of the human resources function for the House of Representatives including those that relate to ensuring a workplace free of sexual harassment and retaliation (for report see House document numbered 4263), was placed on file.

Human
resources
policies,—
report.

Petitions.

Representative Vincent of Revere and Senator Boncore presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4264) of RoseLee Vincent and Joseph A. Boncore (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the tenure of office of the city clerk of the city of Revere; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Revere,—
city clerk.

Mr. Murray of Milford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian Murray and others relative to retrofitting diesel-powered vehicles with devices, smoke stacks or other equipment that enhances the vehicle's capacity to emit soot, smoke or other particular emissions; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Vehicle
emissions.

Paper 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:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing shall make final report not later than the last Wednesday of April of the second annual session on all matters referred to them on or before the fourth Wednesday of March and within 30 days on all matters referred to it after the fourth Wednesday in March of the second annual session of the General Court.

Health Care
Financing,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the order (Senate, No. 2321), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

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 principle-based reserving for life insurance (House, No. 2969);

Life insurance.

Authorizing the town of Boylston to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4197) [Local Approval Received];

Boylston,—
land.

Authorizing the Bristol County Commissioners to borrow money for the repair, renovation and construction, equipping and furnishing of buildings at Bristol County Agricultural School in the town of Dighton (House, No. 4227); and

Dighton,—
Bristol County
Agricultural School.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Essie Page, employee of the Massachusetts Parole Board (House, No. 4245);

Essie Page,—
sick leave.

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 Mr. Coppinger of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3543) of Byron Rushing, Mike Connolly and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts infrastructure bank,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services.

Infrastructure
bank.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 88) of Joan B. Lovely and

Small business,—

Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to encouraging the growth of small businesses; and

growth.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1970) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and others relative to certain business entities registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and in good standing;

Businesses,—
standing.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 158) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to social media consumer privacy protection,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Consumer
privacy,—
social media.

By Misss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 340) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to the safe care of residents with active substance use disorder accessing skilled nursing facility care; and

Nursing facilities,—
substance
use disorder.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2073) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., Rady Mom and Josh S. Cutler relative to the care of residents with active substance use disorders accessing skilled nursing facility care;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 338) of Kenneth J. Donnelly and Bud Williams for legislation relative to public health,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Public
health.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1773) of William M. Straus relative to wireless transmissions to and from motor vehicles,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Motor
vehicles,—
wireless
transmissions.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2748) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., for legislation to expand the “move over law”, so-called, to include vehicles operated by civilians,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Move
over law,—
expansion.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1486 and House, No. 1386, a Bill relative to amending disability or death caused by certain conditions of cancer (House, No. 1386).

State Police,—
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2045 and House, No. 1389, a Bill relative to veteran retirement benefits (House, No. 1389).

Veterans,—
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to ensuring fairness in public employee workers compensation benefits (House, No. 2573).

Workers
compensation.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1442 and House, No. 1390, a Bill relative to protecting the rights of custodial

School
employees,—

and other non-teaching employees of school districts (House, No. 1390).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for an early retirement incentive program for employees of the Massachusetts Port Authority (House, No. 2566).

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

rights.
MassPort,—
early retirement.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill establishing regional commissions on the status of women (House, No. 1110, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Status of women,—
regional
commissions.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill relative to candidates for mayor and city council in Framingham (printed in House, No. 4046), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

City council
and mayoral
candidates,—
reporting.

House bills

Authorizing the treasurer of Plymouth County to transfer certain funds (House, No. 4034); and

Plymouth
County.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Lauri Smith-Bopp, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4154);

Lauri Smith-
Bopp,—
sick leave.

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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At six minutes before 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.