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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 Power and Might, we pray for the members of our House Chamber and for all the employees of this historic building. We are thankful for the hard-working crews who have restored power to our region. We are mindful of and we pray for the remaining few neighborhoods that continue to suffer from a lack of electricity.

Today, we remember that on this day 130 years ago the Blizzard of 1888 occurred. The so-called "White Hurricane" came upon the region suddenly as unseasonably warm temperatures dropped quickly as heavy rains turned to wind-whipped white out conditions.

Food and coal for heat ran low in Massachusetts cities as trains carrying supplies were stuck on ice and snow-covered rails. Boston officials were so alarmed by the city's shutdown and inability to travel that plans were drawn to create what became the nation's first subway.

As our state prepares for its third nor-easter in eleven days, we pray for the safety and well-being of all our fellow citizens.

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.

Prayer.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enhancing opportunities for all (House, No. 4297), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, March 9.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Economic
infrastructure and
opportunities.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Golden of Lowell) 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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Thursday, April 12, 2018 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1739, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1751, 2600, 2700, 2706, 2709, 2712, 3396, 3634

Telecommunication
s, Utilities
and Energy
committee,—
extension

and 3742.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4295), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

of time for
reporting.

An Order (filed by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) relative to authorizing the Counsel to the House of Representatives to contract with an outside third-party vendor to conduct a series of comprehensive surveys of appointed officers and employees of the House (House, No. 4296), was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

House
Counsel,—
surveys.

Petitions.

Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4299) of Elizabeth A. Poirier (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to repeal a certain act increasing the expenditure limit on revolving funds in the city of Attleboro; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Attleboro,—
expenditure
limits.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lawrence H. Frank for legislation to regulate the use of powered leaf blowers.

Leaf
blowers.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Daisy F. Bolden, an employee of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.

Daisy F.
Bolden,—
sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Gardner and the division of capital asset management and maintenance to exchange certain parcels of land (House, No. 4037) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 2329. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Gardner,—
land.

The Senate Bill relative to the General Lafayette Trail (Senate, No. 2265) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lafayette
Trail.

A report of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1007) of Eileen M. Donoghue, James R. Miceli, John F. Keenan, Rady Mom and other members of the General Court for legislation to raise employment and combating opioids through vocational education and rehabilitation (RECOVER), and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Vocational
education and
rehabilitation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Lynnfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4289) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Lynnfield,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Murphy, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to municipal deposits (House, No. 1081);
To ensure adequate handicapped parking (House, No. 1087);
To establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 1090);
Relative to variances (House, No. 1093);
Extending municipal bonding terms for local infrastructure development programs (House, No. 1105);
To increase safety on public ways (House, No. 1819);
Relative to handicap automobile licenses or placards (House, No. 2425);
Relative to rail-trail construction (House, No. 2831, changed);
Supporting municipal fiscal stability through a special education stabilization fund (House, No. 3216);
Relative to landscape sprinkler systems (House, No. 3379);
Relative to the International Trade Commission (House, No. 4195);
Supporting affordable housing with a local option for a fee to be applied to certain real estate transactions (House, No. 4196);
To exempt the deliberation of public bodies at town meeting from the open meeting law (House, No. 4206); and
Authorizing cities and towns to increase the local tax rate on meals (House, No. 4212) [Ms. Garry of Dracut, of the committee on Revenue, dissenting];
Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Municipal deposits.
Parking.
Permitting,—
reform.
Variances.
Municipal
bonding.
Public ways.
Handicap licenses.
Rail-trails.
Special
education.
Sprinkler systems.
Trade commission.
Affordable
housing.
Open
meeting law.
Meals tax,—
local option.

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 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),— 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.

Long Island,—
Boston Harbor.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to greater fairness in insurance (House, No. 510).

Insurers,—
discretion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012 (House, No. 575).

Craniofacial
coverage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making corrective amendments to Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012 47CC (House, No. 576).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to

Id.

ensuring treatment for genetic craniofacial conditions (House, No. 581).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving lives by ensuring access to brain injury treatment (House, No. 2166).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to help patients and reduce health care costs by ensuring patient adherence to medications (House, No. 2202).

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the welfare of children (House, No. 3607).

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to preparedness for natural disasters (House, No. 1299). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill requiring licensed auto insurance damage appraisers to provide safety notices to the owners of damaged motor vehicles (House, No. 2171).

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to seatbelts on school buses (House, No. 1289).

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to homeowners insurance (House, No. 534).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fair and accurate motor vehicle insurance quotes (House, No. 3682).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to interstate branching of a credit union and the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 3690).

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill promoting police and youth partnership (House, No. 1293).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to dangerous weapons (House, No. 1297).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire safety (House, No. 1306).

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

Brain injuries,—
treatment.

Patients,—
medications.

Norfolk
Sheriff,—
drug testing.

Natural disaster
preparedness,—
study.

Damage
appraisers,—
safety notices.

School
buses,—
seatbelts.

Homeowners
insurance.

Insurance,—
driving history.

Credit Union
Share Insurance
Corporation.

Police,—
community
service.

Dangerous
weapons.

Sprinkler
systems.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Leyden to continue the employment of police chief Daniel J. Galvis (House, No. 3449, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Leyden,—
Daniel
Galvis.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the Deerfield Area Fire Protection District to continue the employment of Fire Chief Chester Yazwinski (House, No. 3957), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Deerfield
Area Fire,—
Chester
Yazwinski.

The House Bill designating a certain park in the city of Quincy as the Richard “Dick” Herbert memorial park (House, No. 4082), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Quincy,—
Herbert
park.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4298), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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 Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M.