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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 Truth and Freedom, we ask for Your Blessing upon the men and women of this branch of government. We ask You to assist the elected leadership and their staff in their efforts to use their gifts at the service of their fellow citizens.

Prayer.

God of Lofty Heights and Deep Valleys, we give thanks for yesterday's 120th anniversary of the creation of the first state park in Massachusetts. On June 20, 1898, the Commonwealth took ownership of 400 acres in the Berkshires establishing the Mount Greylock state park. Eventually 12,500 acres of land surrounding the highest natural peak in the Commonwealth became part of this parkland. The origin of the name for the near 3,500 foot mountain is disputed. It is possibly named after the native Abenaki chief Gray Lock or its name may be derived by the gray wispy cloud or lock of gray mist near its summit.

Leadership in the state government was persuaded by local business leaders who saw the need to preserve the forest of Mount Greylock as deforestation helped create fires feeding on the debris left behind as well as scarring on parts of the mountainside.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, submitting recommendations for making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2019 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 4650), was filed this day in the office of the Clerk.

State funds,—
emergency
expenditure.

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.

Worcester – Framingham – Grand Junction Commuter Rail Caucus.

A communication from Representative Moran of Boston announcing the formation of the Worcester – Framingham – Grand Junction Commuter Rail Legislative Caucus, including the caucus mission statement and list of the membership was received in the office of the Clerk; and placed on file.

Worcester –
Framingham –
Grand Junction
Commuter Rail
Caucus.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Malia of Boston) congratulating Kim J. Wright, Esq. on the occasion of her retirement; and

Kim
Wright.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Tyler of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating attorney Leslie Walker on the occasion of her retirement;

Leslie
Walker.

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.

Mr. Vega of Holyoke presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4652) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the position of auditor in the city of Holyoke; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Holyoke,—
auditor.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Leann Campbell relative to exemptions for Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams.

MCAS,—
exemptions.

By Representative Hill of Ipswich and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradford Hill and Bruce E. Tarr relative to the release of certain land in Rowley from operation of an agricultural covenant.

Rowley,—
land.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2566) of Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Hull to authorize the chair, vice-chair or clerk of the town of Hull local licensing authority to issue one day alcohol, common victualler and/or entertainment licenses, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Hull,—
licenses.

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:

Authorizing the town of Auburn to relocate Faith Avenue and convey remnant parcels of real property (House, No. 4551) [Local Approval Received]; and

Auburn,—
land.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Keri Volk, an employee of the Department

Keri Volk,—
sick leave.

of Correction (House, No. 4616);

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 1793, 1808, 1812, 1824, 1826, 1833, 1846, 1853, 1854, 1858, 1875, 1913, 2728, 2739, 2760, 3406, 3407, 3410, 3412, 3415, 3416, 3419, 3423, 3427, 3430, 3435, 3436, 3437, 3441 and 3538, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning transportation (House, No. 4649). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Transportation,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; 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.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, that the Bill [sic] foster parents bill of rights (House, No. 4492), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Foster
parents,—
rights.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Fontaine, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2560, amended), 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, in concurrence.

Elizabeth
Fontaine,—
sick leave.

The House Bill relative to the classification of certain employees of the South Essex Sewerage District (House, No. 4253), 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.

South Essex
Sewerage
District.

Recess.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until twelve o'clock noon; and at four minutes after twelve o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At four minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (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.