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Thursday, July 26, 2018.

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 Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Creation and Recreation, we give thanks today for the natural beauty of our Commonwealth. We ask Your blessings to come upon our House members and their staff who need to remain indoors to work to achieve a budget for the operation of the state's many governmental divisions and departments.

Today we pray in thanksgiving for the Cape Cod Rail Trail. During the warm months the 22 mile paved path is used for bicycling, roller blading and hiking as the trail makes its way on a section of the former Old Colony Railroad through seven towns in Barnstable County.

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.

## *Change in Committee of Conference Membership.*

The Speaker announced that Mr. Kafka of Stoughton had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4565, amended) of the Senate Bill to protect animal welfare and safety in cities and towns (Senate, No. 2347); and that Ms. Peake of Provincetown had been appointed to said committee to fill the vacancy.

The membership of the committee on the part of the House is as follows: Representatives Peake of Provincetown, O'Day of West Boylston and Muradian of Grafton.

Notice of the change in the House membership of the committee was sent to the Senate for their information.

## *Petition.*

Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4819) of Dylan Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Animal safety.

Committee of conference.

Nantucket,—  
Economic  
Development  
Commission.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Bills

Authorizing the Department of Fish and Game to acquire a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land of the town of Groveland (Senate, No. 2319) (on a petition);

Groveland,—  
land.

Relative to an easement plan for the Milton Inline Inspection Project (Senate, No. 2369) (on a petition);

Milton,—  
land.

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to modify and relocate an easement in the town of West Boylston (Senate, No. 2559) (on a petition);

West  
Boylston,—  
land.

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and the town of Hingham to grant certain easements upon certain land located in the town of Hingham (Senate, No. 2582) (on a petition); and

Hingham,—  
land.

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to NSTAR electric company d/b/a Eversource Energy in return for NSTAR releasing or modifying easements for the benefit of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2603) (on Senate bill No. 2593); and

Bourne,—  
land.

The Resolve relative to the digital right to repair (Senate, No. 2630) (on Senate resolve No. 2430) [Representative McKenna of Webster, of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, dissenting];

Right  
to repair.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill providing firefighters and police officers with the opportunity to enter a cessation program prior to termination (Senate, No. 1386) (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.

Public safety,—  
cessation  
program.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

July 26, 2018.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Room 356 State House  
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that on this day the Honorable Karen E. Spilka has been elected President of the Massachusetts Senate.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM F. WELCH,  
*Clerk of the Senate.*

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to the release of an agricultural covenant on a certain parcel of land in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4771).

Lancaster,—  
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a certain agricultural restriction held by the Commonwealth on land in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4772).

Westborough,—  
land.

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 a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (House, No. 4675) [Local Approval Received].

Northfield,—  
Floyd  
Dunnell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Kendall, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4734).

Elizabeth  
Kendall,—  
sick leave.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Senate Resolutions for a United States constitutional amendment and amendments convention (Senate, No. 2243), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

United States  
constitutional

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Relative to the release of a restriction on land in the city of Taunton (printed in House, No. 3712);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Carol Poladian, an employee of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (House, No. 4653); and

Authorizing the grant of easements relative to the Obery Street Roadway Improvement Project in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4813);

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.

*Recess.*

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at thirteen minutes before four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

*Petition.*

Representative Kulik of Worthington and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds relative to releasing certain land in the town of Cummington from the operation of an agricultural preservation restriction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Cummington,—  
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. O'Day of West Boylston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam G. Hinds and Paul W. Mark for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marco Adorno, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Marco  
Adorno —  
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2634) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Moran of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendments of the House Bill automatically registering eligible voters and enhancing safeguards against fraud (House, No. 4671), reported recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4834). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Automatic  
voter  
registration.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, being on acceptance.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2602) of the House Bill promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection, and investment in recreational assets and opportunity (House, No. 4613), reported a bill with the same title (House, No. 4835) [Bond Issue: \$2,402,833,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Environmental  
bond bill.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of RoseLee Vincent and Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Diane Misiano, an employee of the Department of Revenue. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Diane  
Misiano,—  
sick leave.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At nine minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.