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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 Fathers of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

We give thanks to You God for the seasonal heat and humidity and we pray that it does not last too long. We pray for all those who may be in danger of heat exhaustion and other health risks.

Prayer.

We pray for our women and men who work to bring us just and fair legislation. We also remember and give thanks for the many support staff throughout this body of government.

Tomorrow marks the 57th anniversary of the creation of the Cape Cod National Seashore. It marked the first time the federal government had created a national park from land that had been owned primarily by private entities. Today there are more than 43,000 acres of that beautiful national park.

We who work and live in the urban setting and struggle with today's humidity pray that those who can enjoy that park today truly appreciate the blessing it is.

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 — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendments.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendments the engrossed Bill relative to consumer protection from security breaches [see House, No. 4806] (for message, see House, No. 4873), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, August 3.

Consumer,—
security
breaches.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendments recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Messages from the Governor — Vetoes.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to the payment of pensioners for services after retirement [see House, No. 4821] (for message, see House, No. 4870), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, August 3.

Pensioners,—
payment.

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The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation congestion toll rate pricing pilot program [see House, No. 4831] (for message, see House, No. 4871), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, August 3.

Toll rates,—
congestion
pricing.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to the transitional aid to families with dependent children program [see House, No. 4823] (for message, see House, No. 4872), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, August 3.

Transitional
aid to families,—
family cap .

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing the bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Samuel R. DuBois on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Samuel
DuBois.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Campbell of Methuen) honoring the twenty-fifth annual Methuen Festival of Trees;

Methuen,—
Festival of Trees.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) celebrating dedication of the Sticka Square in the town of Natick;

Natick,—
Sticka square.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Smola of Warren and Berthiaume of Spencer) commemorating the two hundredth birthday of women's rights and abolition advocate, Lucy Stone; and

Lucy
Stone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Velis of Westfield and other members of the House) recognizing August 7, 2018 as Purple Heart Day in the Commonwealth;

Purple
Heart Day.

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. DuBois of Brockton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill relative to volunteer ambulance service (Senate, No. 2648) (on Senate bill No. 2446), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Volunteer
ambulance
service.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Diane Misiano, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4845), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Diane Misiano,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich (House, No. 3711), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Sandwich,—
betterments.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1 by adding the following sentence: “An annual report, which shall include projects undertaken, expenditures made and income received by the fund, shall be submitted to the board of selectmen of the town of Sandwich not later than December 31 and the board of selectmen shall vote to accept the report.”; and

By striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Sandwich may borrow for a term of up to 20 years for the purpose of improvements and repairs on private ways open to and used by the general public in anticipation of reimbursement from betterments assessed in connection with work on such private ways.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3711, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Montague to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4462) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Montague,—
liquor
license.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 4, by striking out the following: “Mills #2” and inserting in place thereof the words “River Child”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4462, amended) 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.

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At seventeen 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 adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.