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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, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Growth and Endurance, we give thanks for the women and men of our House of Representatives and their staff. We ask for Your guidance in any further deliberation they undertake this month.

Prayer.

We remember on this day the anniversary of the 1829 birth of Martha Nash-Lamb, an author and historian. Born in Plainfield, Martha Lamb moved to Chicago with her husband and there became involved in aiding the mentally ill at a time when most avoided the issue all together. She helped found two institutions for those living with mental illness.

In 1883, she purchased the Magazine of American History and became its editor.

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 — Disapproval and Recommendations of Amendments in the Environmental Bond Bill.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his disapproval of section 6, and also with recommendations of amendments of certain sections contained in the engrossed Bill promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection, and investment in recreational assets and opportunity [see House, No. 4835] (for message, see House, No. 4884), filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 9, was read.

Environmental Bond Bill,— disapproval and amendments.

So much of the message as relates to the disapproval was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

Section 22 — Printed as House, No. 4879;

Section 90 — Printed as House, No. 4880;

Section 92 — Printed as House, No. 4881;

Section 94 — Printed as House, No. 4882; and

Section 95 — Printed as House, No. 4883.

Severally, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Message from the Governor — Disapprovals and Recommendations of Amendments in the Economic Development Bill.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his disapprovals of sections 20 and 62, and also with recommendations of amendments of certain sections contained in the engrossed Bill relative to economic development in the commonwealth [see House, No. 4732, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4889), filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, August 10, was read.

Economic
Development
Bill,—
disapprovals
and amendments.

So much of the message as relates to the disapprovals were referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

- Sections 15, 18 and 73 — Printed as House, No. 4885;
- Section 57 — Printed as House, No. 4886;
- Section 63 — Printed as House, No. 4887; and
- Section 65 — Printed as House, No. 4888.

Severally, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Statement of Representative Kafka of Stoughton.

A written statement received, this day, from Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, regarding the sessions of Friday, July 27, Monday, July 30, and Tuesday, July 31, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I respectfully request that the following statement be entered into the House Journal for the formal sessions which took place on July 27, 30, & 31 of this year:

Statement of
Mr. Kafka of
Stoughton.

During the formal sessions of the House of Representatives which took place on July 27, 30, and 31, I was out of the country to attend the Bar Mitzvah of my grandson. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative of each roll call that I missed, beginning with Roll Call #422 and ending with Roll Call #521, with the lone exception of Roll Call #480, on which I would have voted in the negative.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Jacob Donald Cullison on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jacob
Cullison.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Stephen Patrick DeMaio on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Stephen
DeMaio.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Koczera of New Bedford) congratulating Bruce Morell on the occasion of his retirement;

Bruce
Morell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) celebrating retirement of Rachel Fletcher from the position of Director of the River Walk; and

Rachel
Fletcher.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Vincent of Revere) congratulating Brian Kelly on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Conservation and Recreation;

Brian
Kelly.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance,

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that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the task force established (see Section 134 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010) to conduct an assessment and develop a plan relative to separate and secure waiting areas in district and superior courthouses for victims and witnesses of crimes, submitting a special implementation progress report for the fiscal year 2018, was placed on file.

Secure waiting areas,— progress report.

Quarterly Report.

A report from the Office of the State Auditor (under Section 17 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting its quarterly report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from January 31 to March 31, 2018, was placed on file.

Bureau of Special Investigations.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel M. Donahue and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Amy Burlingame, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Amy Burlingame,— sick leave.

By Messrs. Frost of Auburn and Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost, Peter J. Durant and others relative to the siting of marijuana facilities.

Marijuana facilities.

By Messrs. Frost of Auburn and Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost relative to the siting of marijuana facilities.

Id.

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

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Stoneham to grant certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4804) [Local Approval Received].

Stoneham,— liquor license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4779, a Bill authorizing the town of Hatfield to grant an additional off-premises license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4878) [Local Approval Received].

Hatfield,— liquor license.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the appointing authority of the town of Mansfield to appoint police cadets to the police department of the town (see House, No. 1327);

Bills enacted.

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Authorizing the town of Hopkinton to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4389); and

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Hugh Trong Ngo (see House, No. 4608);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Stoneham to change the name of the board of selectmen (House, No. 4629), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

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 eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.