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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).

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.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, and addressed the House, as follows:

“Today, the Massachusetts House of Representatives joins a grateful nation in mourning a true American hero – Senator John McCain.

U.S. Senator
John McCain.

On behalf of Leader Jones and myself, we remember the Senator and his commitment to putting country over politics and party.

Senator McCain embodied what makes America, America. He was a man of deep character who he held a conviction to his beliefs, demonstrated respect toward his adversaries, and possessed an iron will to overcome unthinkable adversity.

Senator McCain challenged all of us to be better public servants and better Americans. His legacy will endure not only in the Capitol, but in the halls of State Houses around the country as we strive to live up to the Senator’s ideals.

In honor of his service and sacrifice, I along with my esteemed colleague Leader Jones and all of the Democrats and Republicans of this House – would like to ask that the chamber join in a moment of silence in recognition of this great patriot.”

Appointment to the Postpartum Depression Commission.

The Speaker announced, on July 30, 2018, that he had appointed Representative Fiola of Fall River to the special commission established (under the provisions of Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to postpartum depression.

Postpartum
depression
commission.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Allowing the city council of the city of Everett to set the salary for the clerk of the city council (Senate, No. 2514, amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Everett,—
city council
clerk.

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the city council of the city of Everett shall set the salary of the clerk of the city council at the amount that the council deems appropriate.”) (on a petition) [Local Approval

Received]; and

Adding a fifth member to the Board of Elections Commission in the city of Everett (Senate, No. 2658) (on Senate bill No. 2515) [Local Approval Received];

Everett,—
election
commission.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committee.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

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 Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney (House, No. 4764) [Local Approval Received];

Blackstone,—
fire chief.

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
licenses.

Relative to raising the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments in the town of Brookline (House, No. 4847) [Local Approval Received];

Brookline,—
tax deferments.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Burlingame, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4896); and

Amy
Burlingame.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Julie A. Jennings, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4897);

Julie
Jennings,—
sick leave.

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

Emergency Measure.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Diane Misiano, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see House, No. 4845, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Diane
Misiano,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the date of the annual town meeting of the town of North Reading (see House, No. 4687) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

House bills

Authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4430);

Establishing an appointed highway superintendent in the town of Groveland (House, No. 4620) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the Orleans affordable housing trust fund (House, No. 4645) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (the Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.