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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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:

Good and Gracious God we ask Your blessing upon the women and men who serve our Commonwealth in this historic chamber. We are grateful to Your Spirit of love and justice, mercy and peace. May this Spirit rest upon all who enter this room.

Today marks the 140th anniversary of the birth of Joseph P. Kennedy, who served as the United States' Ambassador to Great Britain from 1938 until late 1940 and was the patriarch of a Massachusetts political dynasty.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Prayer.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Fernandes of Falmouth and Vieira of Falmouth) honoring the First Congregational Church in the town of Falmouth on its exceptional work in support of the Falmouth community; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muratore of Plymouth) commending Steven Karidoyanes on his twenty-fifth season as conductor of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra;

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

Falmouth,—
Congregational
Church.

Steven
Karidoyanes.

Petition.

Mr. O'Day of West Boylston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of West Boylston as the United States Army Specialist Kyle A. Little memorial bridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

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. Cassidy of

West
Boylston,—
Little bridge.

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Brockton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the city of Worcester to convey a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 2629) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Worcester,—
land.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A Bill authorizing the acquisition of easement interests for a pumping station in the city of Easthampton (Senate, No. 2581) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Easthampton,—
land.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House 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], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Hatfield,—
liquor
license.

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

Engrossed Bill.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Daisy F. Bolden, an employee of the Teachers' Retirement Board (see House, No. 4448);

Bills
enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for David Palazzo, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4508); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Keri Volk, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4616);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill permitting the city of Revere to establish penalties and liens for water meter ordinance violations (see House, No. 4458) (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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Millett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2659), 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.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Establishing a public art fund in the town of Amherst (House, No. 4163) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Heather Tavares, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4900);

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.

The House Bill relative to accidental disability retirement for Jan Witkowski (House, No. 3790), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Jan Witkowski,— retirement benefits.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding the notice requirements in subsection (1) of section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary and in order to promote the public good, Jan Witkowski, a retired member of the Massport Employees' Retirement System, shall be eligible to seek an accidental disability retirement pursuant to section 7 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3790, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Burlingame, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4896), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Amy Burlingame,— sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 7 by striking out the words “Department of Children and Families' paid” and inserting in place thereof the words “the extended illness”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4896, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Millett, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 2659), 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.

Thomas Millett,— sick leave.

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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 3 to 0. 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.