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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 Vitality, we give thanks for the pleasant fall weather our Commonwealth enjoys today. We ask that Your Blessing may be upon our House membership and upon all who work with and for our elected officials.

We lift up in thought and prayer the small Franklin County town of Shelburne which celebrates its 250th anniversary tomorrow. Shelburne's 2,000 citizens enjoy their pastoral settings and surroundings. Located in the village of Shelburne Falls, the picturesque Bridge of Flowers spans the Deerfield River, linking Shelburne to the town of Buckland.

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.

Prayer.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen) congratulating Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Goldstein-Rose of Amherst) recognizing the one hundredth anniversary of UMass Food Science; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Speliotis of Danvers and other members of the House) honoring the Essex Agricultural Society on its two hundredth anniversary;

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

Chippendale's
Dance Studios.

UMass Food
Science.

Essex
Agricultural.

Petition.

Mr. Kafka of Stoughton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Louis L. Kafka that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to James Wright, an employee of the town of Sharon; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

James Wright,—
creditable
service.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of John Hannum (House, No. 4547), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, in line 6, striking out the figures: “70” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “69”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Whately,—
John Hannum.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (House, No. 4675), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, in line 7, inserting after the word “capability” the following: “; and provided further, that no deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Floyd Dunnell, III pursuant to chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service subsequent to August 13, 2018 and, upon retirement, Floyd Dunnell, III shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on August 13, 2018”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Northfield,—
Floyd
Dunnell, III.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marco Adorno, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Senate, No. 2634) (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.

Marco
Adorno,—
sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Richard G. Perry, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Richard
Perry,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2661) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Convey, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4902).

Lori
Convey,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Tucker, an employee of the Department of State Police (House, No. 4911).

Michael
Tucker,—
sick leave.

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

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

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bills were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and

Easthampton,—

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Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the acquisition of easement interests for a pumping station in the city of Easthampton (Senate, No. 2581) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

easement.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Donna Paul, an employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 2166), 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.

Donna Paul,—
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 6 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Sonnier, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2639), 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.

Tiffany Sonnier,—
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 6 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to accidental disability retirement for Jan Witkowski (see House, No. 3790, 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.

Jan Witkowski,—
retirement.

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 6 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 acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to the assessment of betterments for improvements to private ways in the town of Sandwich (see House, No. 3711, amended) (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 engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Keri Volk, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4616), which had been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4906), was considered.

Keri Volk,—
sick leave.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

In line 4 (as published) by inserting after the word “Volk”, the first time it appears, the words “to care for her child”.

The amendment was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

Senate bills

Establishing the East Bridgewater Town Center Sewer District in the town of East Bridgewater (Senate, No. 2423); and

Third
reading
bills.

Exempting all positions in the police department of the town of Williamstown from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2579);

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, in concurrence.

The House Bill relative to fire safety (House, No. 1306), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Fire
safety.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4913), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4581), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Stoneham,—
retired
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out sections 3 to 10, inclusive.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4581, 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.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.