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Thursday, September 20, 2018.

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 Strength and Endurance, we pray today for the membership of our House of Representatives and for their staff. Give them a share of Your Spirit to help them in their efforts to create good and fair legislation for the many citizens of our Commonwealth.

Prayer.

After the recent heavy rainfalls, we lift up in gratitude the creative engineering and dedicated labor involved in the creation of Boston's Back Bay, turning what was a tidal bay and marshland in 1858 into a fashionable neighborhood and cultural center of Boston. In order to provide landfill, a nine-mile railroad was constructed that connected a quarry in Needham to the landfill area. Rubble from the great Boston Fire of 1872 was added as well. The project to fill the wetlands took 24 years to complete.

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.

### *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of John Doherty, foreman of the city of Melrose Division of Parks and Forestry, who passed away on September 13 from injuries sustained while doing the job he loved. Mr. Doherty worked in Melrose from 2004 through 2018 and was widely respected and genuinely loved by his colleagues; a father figure to the younger generation of DPW employees. He treated everyone with respect. He leaves behind a wife Carol Doherty; and sons John Doherty Jr., Michael Carpenter, and Christopher Carpenter. Mr. Doherty made significant contributions to the city of Melrose through his daily work. When you look around Melrose, at our beautiful parks and playing fields, the grounds of our schools and municipal buildings and our tree canopy you are looking at John's work and leadership. He was instrumental in helping Melrose look the way it does today - lining fields, cutting grass, pruning trees, and maintaining flags city-wide. A Melrose resident, John was dependable and strongly committed to his job. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and an all-around super guy. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues in public works and by this entire community.

John Doherty.

*Appointments to Commissions.*

The Speaker announced that he had made appointments to commissions, as follows:

That (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had appointed Ms. Liz Friedman of Northampton to the permanent Commission on the Status of Women; and

Status of Women.

That (under Section 190 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) he had appointed Sanford Pooler, Deputy Town Manager of the town of Arlington to the special commission established to study and make recommendations to improve efficiencies relative to transportation for homeless students.

Homeless students,—  
transportation.

*Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Saint Kevin's College in Melbourne, Australia and their instructors Andrew, Tom and Steffan. They were the guests of Mr. Hill of Ipswich.

Australian students.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton, Dooley of Norfolk, McMurtry of Dedham and Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Brendan Cormier on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Brendan Cormier.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Dykema of Holliston, Roy of Franklin and Murray of Milford) honoring Stephanie A. Mercandetti on the dedication of the Stephanie Mercandetti Bench and Tree in the city of Framingham; and

Stephanie Mercandetti.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Ronald W. Arsenault for sixty years as a member of the Waltham Lion's Club;

Ronald Arsenault.

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

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Wagner of Chicopee and Senator Lesser, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4914) of Joseph F. Wagner, Eric P. Lesser and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Chicopee be authorized to establish a water and sewer department in said city. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Chicopee,—  
water and  
sewer  
department.

By Representative Murphy of Weymouth and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4915) of James M. Murphy, Patrick M.

Weymouth,—  
Michael  
Chesna.

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O'Connor and Ronald Mariano (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the retirement board of the town of Weymouth be authorized to pay a certain retirement benefit to the surviving spouse of fallen officer Michael Chesna of the police department of said town. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Scott L. Ellis for adoption of resolutions by the General Court requesting the Governor (with the consent of the Council) to remove Susan L. Jacobs from the office of Associate Justice of the Bristol Probate and Family Court of Bristol County.

Susan  
Jacobs,—  
judgeship.

By Representative Mark of Peru and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark and Adam G. Hinds relative to designating a certain bridge in the town of Dalton as the Specialist Mitchell K. Daehling memorial bridge.

Dalton,—  
Daehling  
bridge.

By Mr. Mom of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rady Mom for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Aaron Nyahn, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Aaron  
Nyahn,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John W. Scibak relative to ballots for state primary elections.

State primaries,—  
ballots.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill authorizing the city of Beverly to continue the employment Paul Cotter as fire chief (House, No. 4488), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 3, inserting after the word "until", the first time it appears, the following: "he reaches 70 years of age, until". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Beverly,—  
Paul Cotter.

Subsequently, the amendment (having been reported by said committee to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Marc R. Pacheco and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kelli Jones, an employee of the Department of Mental Health, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Kelli Jones,—  
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2663) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for G. Scott Angelo, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4909). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Scott  
Angelo,—  
sick leave.

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

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

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following bills ought to pass:

Relative to certain affordable housing in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4288) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4891);

Severally 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 Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bills were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bills severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4890), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act providing for the terms of certain bonds for the protection of environmental and natural resources and certain bonds for the economic infrastructure and economic opportunity needs of the Commonwealth to be issued by the Commonwealth". Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

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

House bills

Relative to fees assessed by the Dracut Water Supply District (House, No. 4898); and

Authorizing the town of Dracut to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4908) [Local

Roxbury,—  
housing.

Transportation  
bond,—  
terms.

Environmental  
and economic  
bonds,—  
terms.

Marco Adorno,—  
sick leave.

Dracut Water  
Supply District.

Dracut,—  
liquor license.

Approval Received];

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

By Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the city of Methuen’s petition to borrow to address the school budget deficit (House, No. 4905, changed in section 2, in lines 112 to 117, inclusive, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines, and in lines 138 to 142, inclusive, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “If the officer fails to provide this certification within 7 days after a request for such certification from the mayor, city council or school committee, the appropriation order, financial transfer, ordinance revision, special legislation, borrowing authorization, lease or contract arrangement for a term including more than 1 fiscal year, or collective bargaining agreement, may nonetheless be approved; but the absence of the certification of the officer shall be expressly noted in that order or note.”) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Methuen,—  
budget.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Relative to the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Essex (see Senate, No. 2271, amended);

Bills  
enacted.

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

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

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the town of Montague to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4462, amended) (which 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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pamela Lopez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2550), reported from 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

Authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (House, No. 3865);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Relative to the position of appointed tax collector in the town of Hadley (House, No. 4750);

Relative to the position of appointed treasurer in the town of Hadley (House,

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No. 4751);

Authorizing the city of Newton to amend the income qualifications for a certain tax deferral program (House, No. 4849); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Convey, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4902);

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.

*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.

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At nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.