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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 Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Love, our hearts are heavy, our minds are disturbed at the reality of violence on a large scale in our country. Watch over those whose lives were stolen by bullets late last night in Las Vegas.

Prayer.

God of Peace, we are aware of the many persons in our Commonwealth who live with the reality of gun violence every day and every night. Protect Your children.

God of Order, we know that so far this year an average of 165 American citizens are shot every day and that an average of 41 Americans lose their lives every day to the chaos of gun violence. Be with the families whose lives are altered by such weaponry.

God of Right Judgement, yet again we hear spoken from many throughout our nation who hold positions of power the now-familiar and numbing mantra: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families".

Transform the fears and helplessness of our national leaders into courage and determination to prevent events such as last night's.

May God help us and 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow) commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Willie Ross School for the Deaf, Inc.;

Willie Ross School.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow and other members of the House) commending Jane Doe Inc. on its recognition of October 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

Domestic violence awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Blanche H. Shaw on her one hundredth birthday;

Blanche Shaw.

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. 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.

Petition.

Mr. Naughton of Clinton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., relative to overtime pay for certain amusement park employees; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Amusement workers,—
overtime.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill naming a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Leonard “Lenny” Kaplan Memorial Bridge (Senate, No. 2098, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Fall River,—
Kaplan
bridge.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Leonard “Lenny” Kaplan Memorial Bridge, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition of Michael J. Rodrigues and William M. Straus for legislation relative to the retirement allowance of Jana Cavanaugh, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Jana
Cavanaugh,—
retirement.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2171) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Mathew Muratore relative to zoning ordinances regulating the installation of solar energy systems and the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Zoning,—
solar
energy.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Williams, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3922), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Maria
Williams,—
sick leave.

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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the South End section of the city of Boston (House, No. 3540), 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

Third
reading
bill.

engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to boat excise tax revenue for the town of Chatham waterfront (House, No. 3909) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Chatham,—
boat
excise.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 5, by inserting after the figures: “40” the following: “, and may be expended solely for the purpose set forth in said section 5G”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed. The bill (House, No. 3909, amended) then was 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 Wednesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve 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 Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M.