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Thursday, November 1, 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, Source of Life, we give You thanks as we move along this calendar year. God of Endurance, we ask for Your strength as our legislative officials and their staff continue to conduct the affairs of this branch of government.

Prayer.

In many cultures and faith traditions November is a month for remembrance of those who have died. We give thanks for all deceased members of this House and we pray that those who today occupy their seats in this chamber do so in a way that honors their memory.

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.

Appointments of the Speaker and Minority Leader.

The Speaker announced that (under Section 104 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) he had appointed Dr. Leo Beletsky, of Northeastern University, to the section 35 involuntary commitment commission established to study the efficacy of involuntary inpatient treatment for non-court involved individuals diagnosed with substance use disorders; and

Substance use disorders,—involuntary inpatient treatment.

The Minority Leader announced that (under Section 104 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) he had appointed John E. Rosenthal, President of Meredith Management, to said commission.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring John Schuler on being named a Good Scout by the Wellesley Kiwanis Club, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

John Schuler.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Office of the Comptroller providing an updated

Statutory Basis

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status on the filing of the 2018 Statutory Basis Financial Report, which has been delayed pending passage of the supplemental appropriation bill; and stating that completion of said report is expected November 2018, was placed on file.

Financial
Report.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4951) of Christine P. Barber and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to appoint two additional members to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority; and

Somerville
Redevelopment
Authority.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4952) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Dean A. Tran (by vote of the town) that the town of Berlin be authorized to establish a board of selectmen-town administrator form of government in said town;

Berlin,—
town
administrator.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe relative to employees of the Western Massachusetts Emergency Communications District.

Emergency
communications
district.

By Representative Honan of Boston and Senator Boncore, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin G. Honan, Joseph A. Boncore and others relative to the election of board members of local housing authorities.

Housing
authorities,—
boards.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Harriette L. Chandler that the children's pool at the Philip J. Weihl Memorial Pool in the town of Clinton be designated as the Liberty M. Arnold-Simon memorial children's pool.

Clinton,—
children's
pool.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rachael Purnell, employee of the Trial Court.

Rachel
Purnell,—
sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2671) of Mark C. Montigny, Robert M. Koczera, Paul A. Schmid, III, Christopher M. Markey and other members of the General Court (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the appointment of special police officers in the city of New Bedford, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

New
Bedford,—
special police.

A petition of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for James Condon, 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.

James
Condon,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2672) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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The following notices were received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

October 29, 2018.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, has announced the following appointments:

Diane Gould of Framingham (pursuant to Section 101 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) to the Commission to make an investigation and study of recovery coaching;

Recovery
coaching.

Senator Cindy F. Friedman (pursuant to Section 225 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) to the Restoration Center Commission of the former county of Middlesex; and

Restoration
center
commission.

Senator Joseph C. Boncore (pursuant to Section 89(b) of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board.

Juvenile
justice board.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

November 1, 2018.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Room 356 State House
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, has announced the following appointments:

Senator Cindy F. Friedman, as Senate Chair on the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators;

Caucus of Women
Legislators.

Senator Eric P. Lesser (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 23H of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts State Workforce Board; and

Workforce
board.

Mass Bay Community College President Dr. David Podell (pursuant to Section 104 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) to the Section 35 involuntary commitment commission.

Involuntary
commitment.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM F. WELCH,
Clerk of the Senate.

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 John W. Scibak for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John Taylor Woodward, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

John Taylor Woodward,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lawrence Jordan, an employee of the Department of Transportation (House, No. 4944).

Lawrence Jordan,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Katelyn Giliberti, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 4945).

Katelyn Giliberti,—
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, in each instance, that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of the same member, the bills (having been 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.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick bank [sic] for Yin Yu-Wong, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4943). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Yin Yu-Wong,—
sick leave.

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. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to a real property exemption for disabled persons in the town of Westford (see House, No. 4660);

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Brookline to raise the income threshold for senior real property tax deferrals (see House, No. 4847);

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

Relative to a certain retirement benefit to be paid to the surviving spouse of fallen officer, Michael Chesna, of the police department of the city known as the

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town of Weymouth (see House, No. 4928);

(Which severally 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 amendment of the House Bill releasing a restriction on certain property in the town of Webster (House, No. 4122), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Webster,—
land.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Burlington as the Lance Corporal Gregory E. MacDonald memorial bridge (House, No. 4569); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city of Marlborough to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4621) (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.

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-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (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.