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Met at eight minutes after 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:

Gracious God, Giver of good gifts great and small, on this our national holy day, we offer You thanks for all things.

Awaken in us every day that gratitude which is the heart of all prayer. In recognizing the good we turn to you the giver.

As our ancestors did before us, we give You thanks for the bounty of our land to be shared with our brothers and sisters, especially those in need.

May we always be hospitable to those outside our tribe as the Wompanoag sustained the pilgrims of Plimouth colony.

We give You thanks for the blessings we enjoy and we pray for a generous heart willing to share our blessings with others.

We give You thanks for the people who love us and for those who do not. May we live and work with them in a spirit of peaceful collaboration.

We thank You for good health and for our health care we have in Massachusetts. We thank You for the endurance You give us when we are sick and we thank You for the gift of hope when we find ourselves in times of trouble.

Give us the grace to find the best in each other, to forgive past hurts and to speak our truth with charity.

We pray all this in the name of Your law O God which is the law of love.

And finally we pray for Your continual blessing upon our Commonwealth. Amen.

Prayer.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to ensuring the safety and soundness of the Commonwealth's natural gas infrastructure (House, No. 4979), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 20.

Natural gas,—
infrastructure.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communication.

A communication from the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (MassVentures) (see Section 6 of Chapter 40G of the General Laws) submitting financial statements for the fiscal year 2018, was placed on file.

MassVentures.

Report.

A report of the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for the fiscal year 2018, was placed on file.

Nantucket
Regional
Transit
Authority.

Petitions.

Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer presented a petition (subject Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brian Kennedy, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Brian Kennedy,—
sick leave.

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 Mrs. Gifford of Wareham, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4975) of Jack Lewis and Karen E. Spilka (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashland be authorized to create an economic development funding program within said town. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Ashland,—
economic
development.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4976) of Jack Lewis and Karen E. Spilka (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Ashland. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Ashland,—
charter.

By Representative Cutler of Duxbury and Senator deMacedo, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4977) of Josh S. Cutler and Viriato M. deMacedo (by vote of the town) relative to health insurance benefits for certain retirees in the town of Pembroke. To the committee on Public Service.

Pembroke,—
retiree
benefits.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4978) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Westford,—
property
tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A petition of Nick Collins and Daniel Cullinane for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tyra Jackson, 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.

Tyra Jackson,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2677) 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 joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Peter Hayes, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4968). Read and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Peter Hayes,—
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 Mrs. Gifford of Wareham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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

Requiring the appointment of additional members to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 4951) [Local Approval Received]; and

Somerville.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Parolisi, employee of the Haverhill District Court (House, No. 4966);

Gina Parolisi,—
sick leave.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Katelyn Giliberti, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see House, No. 4945), 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.

Katelyn Giliberti,—
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 2 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 Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Maynard, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2668) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

The engrossed bill relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4916) (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.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Charde Christophe, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 4954) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rachael Purnell, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4961) (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.

Rachael Purnell,—
sick leave.

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. 4980), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. 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.