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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. McMurtry of Dedham in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. McMurtry), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rachael Purnell, an employee of the Trial Court [see House, No. 4980] (for message, see House, No. 5015), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, December 20.

Rachael Purnell,—
sick leave.

The message was read; and, House Rule 12, the bill was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Communication.

A communication from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the 2018 annual report (accompanied by financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018), was placed on file.

Clean Energy Center.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Office of Performance Management and Innovation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under Section 6(b) of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting the agency's performance report for fiscal year 2018, was placed on file.

Mass DOT,—
performance report.

Petition.

Representative Haddad of Somerset and Senator Jehlen presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to pay equity; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Pay equity,—
commission.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2689) of Bruce E. Tarr and Leonard Mirra (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of

Groveland,—
Joseph Santapaola.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as Fire Lieutenant/EMT, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4995, a Bill authorizing the town of Montague to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5017) [Local Approval Received].

Montague,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4975, a Bill authorizing the town of Ashland to establish a grant and loan fund for the purpose of creating economic development tools and activities (House, No. 5014) [Local Approval Received].

Ashland,—
economic
development.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill regarding the authorization of the town of Sturbridge to grant an additional license for sale of all alcoholic beverages (see Senate bill printed in Senate, No. 2673) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Springfield Technology Park (see Senate, No. 2674) (which originated in the Senate), 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 Senate Bill amending the charter of the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2676), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Relative to tax titles in the town of East Bridgewater (House, No. 4064);

Designating a bridge in the town of Dalton as the Specialist Mitchell K. Daehling memorial bridge (House, No. 4917);

Amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4931);

Relative to the board of assessors in the town of Harvard (House, No. 4947) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Establishing a board of selectmen-town administrator form of government for the town of Berlin (House, No. 4952);

Relative to elections for fire district number 1 in the town of South Hadley (House, No. 4964); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Hooton, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4997);

Third
reading
bills.

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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.

The House Bill increasing certain retirement benefits for firefighter Scott Holt of the town of Littleton (House, No. 4676) (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.

Littleton,—
Scott Holt.

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. 5016), which was read.

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

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at eighteen minutes after four o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Ms. Garlick of Needham being in the Chair,—

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the charter of the town of Needham (House, No. 4948), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Needham,—
charter.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The Senate amendment of the House Bill protecting locked out employees (House, No. 4988, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Locked out
employees,—
benefits.

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-one minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.