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Met at six 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).

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.

Guests of the House.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, a group of Argentinian exchange students who are studying at Boston College High School. They were accompanied by former State Representative Peter J. Koutoujian, the current Sheriff of Middlesex County and his son, Peter, a fellow Boston College High School student. They were the guests of the Chair.

Argentinian
exchange
students.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seventeen minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4354), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 31.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Paul Polonsky upon the occasion of his retirement after a lifetime of serving Essex County, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Paul
Polonsky.

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

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Tuesday, March 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1316 and 3924.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4344), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Housing,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

The following order (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until Tuesday, May 12, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 66, 1343, 1346, 1358, 1372, 1383, 1487, 1517, 1537, 1538, 1565, 3263, 3265, 3266, 3274, 3320, 3367, 3420, 3421, 3422, 3452, 3566, 3770, 4238, 4249 and 4295.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4352), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Judiciary,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Mahoney of Worcester) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Health be granted until Wednesday, April 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 811, 1182, 1839, 1840, 1842, 1843, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1850, 1858, 1866, 1867, 1869, 1872, 1873, 1876, 1878, 1887, 1905, 1926, 1931, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1950, 1953, 1961, 1964, 1970, 1984, 1989, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 3486, 3487, 3491, 3492, 3496, 3501, 3503, 3660, 3841, 3842, 3999, 4096, 4202 and 4322.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4355), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public Health,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Wednesday, April 22, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1487, 1565, 2257 and 2267, and House documents numbered 35, 2163, 2251, 2384, 4049 and 4254.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4353), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public Service
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

The following order (filed by Mrs. Campbell of Methuen) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until Monday, June 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2151, 2160, 2164, 2167, 2168 and 2171, and House documents numbered 3195, 3198, 3200, 3201, 3202, 3203, 3205, 3206, 3207, 3214, 3218, 3228, 3229, 3231, 3232, 3233, 3234, 3238 and 3245.

Veterans and
Federal Affairs,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4351), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4365) of Stephan Hay and Dean A. Tran (by vote of the town) that the town of Lunenburg be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Lanni Orchards; and

Lunenburg,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4366) of Stephan Hay and Dean A. Tran (by vote of the town) that the town of Lunenburg be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others for legislation to create a transportation excise tax to be levied on certain businesses.

Businesses,—
transportation
tax.

By Ms. Nguyen of Andover, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to planning board meeting postponements due to inclement weather.

Planning
boards,—
meetings.

By Mr. Velis of Westfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John C. Velis and others relative to the federal Open Burn Pit Registry and exposure of veterans and service members to certain airborne hazards.

Veterans,—
airborne
hazards.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the conveyance of an interest in a certain parcel of park land in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 4009) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on the Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place there of the text contained in Senate document numbered 2486.

Fairhaven,—
land.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A report of the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2464) of William N. Brownsberger and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to modernize property tax abatements for veterans, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Veterans,—
property
taxes.

A petition of Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the Massachusetts National Guard Family Education Program, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

National
Guard,—
education
assistance.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2502) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

A communication from the Human Resources Division of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under the provisions of Section 61A of Chapter 31 and Section 5(3)(e) of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting revisions to regulations for initial hire medical and physical fitness standards tests of municipal public safety personnel (Senate, No. 2485), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Municipal
public safety,—
regulations.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jodi DiMaggio, an employee of the Trial Court; and

Jodi DiMaggio,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of José F. Tosado and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the use of recreation vehicles in the city of Springfield;

Springfield,—
recreation
vehicles.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

The Senate Bill designating May 6 as Moyamoya Disease awareness day (Senate, No. 1872); and

Moyamoya
day.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to grant 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4334) [Local Approval Received];

Fitchburg,—
liquor
license.

Authorizing the city of Boston to grant one additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4335) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
liquor
license.

Authorizing the town of Clinton to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to Super Sumit, Inc. (House, No. 4336) [Local Approval Received];

Clinton,—
liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Clinton to grant a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to 1044 Main Street Clinton LLC (House, No. 4337) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the licensing authority of the city of Woburn to grant additional alcoholic beverage licenses (House, No. 4338) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Westford to grant two additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4339) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Webster to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4340) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill creating a special commission to study the participation of minority business enterprises and women business enterprises in public construction projects (House, No. 4239), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Resolve relative to housing visitability (House, No. 1278).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study to be conducted on the cost feasibility of implementing a ferry service to Long Island in Boston Harbor (House, No. 2962).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a Message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (printed in House, No. 4326). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of electronic benefit transfer cards with regard to online grocery delivery services (House, No. 134).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 166, a Bill relative to the best practices for ensuring the safety of blind persons (House, No. 4348).

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to senior and non-elderly disabled housing (House, No. 1253).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-income housing eligibility for disabled veterans (House, No. 1261).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect families experiencing homelessness from having to sleep in unsafe places (House, No. 1265).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to manufactured housing communities (House, No. 1276).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill codifying the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (House, No. 1305).

Id.

Woburn,—
liquor license.

Westford,—
liquor
licenses.

Webster,—
liquor
license.

Public
construction,—
participation.

Housing,—
visitability.

Harbor
Islands,—
ferry service.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

EBT cards,—
grocery
delivery.

Blind persons,—
safety.

Seniors,—
housing.

Veterans,—
housing.

Homeless
families,—
safety.

Manufactured
housing.

Rental voucher
program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public housing authorities (House, No. 1320).

Housing authorities.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 155).

Developmental disabilities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to adoption (House, No. 1492).

Adoption,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 141, a Bill relative to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (House, No. 4347).

Disabled persons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 172, a Bill relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities (House, No. 4349).

Disabilities,— decision making.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill amending the act authorizing affordable housing covenants in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 3640) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,— housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Northampton Housing Authority (House, No. 3685) [Local Approval Received].

Northampton housing board.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3063).

Marshfield,— Route 3 designation.

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

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

Relative to encouraging the growth of small businesses (House, No. 3547); and
Relative to updating the used car law (House, No. 4310);

Businesses.
Used cars.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Further regulating the procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of Hingham (see Senate, No. 2242); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of West Bridgewater (see Senate, No. 2361, amended);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

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.

Senate bills

Observing United States Navy Day (Senate, No. 1904, amended); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alison Neas, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2455, amended):

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, in concurrence.

House bills

Directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Christopher R. Carreiro (House, No. 3912); and

Relative to recall elections in the town of Charlton (House, No. 4034);

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.

Id.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Lynn as the Army SPC Antonio J. Syrakos foot bridge (House, No. 3743); and

[sic] City of Chelsea Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board (House, No. 4155);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bills.

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 five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.