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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).

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 expanding opportunities for minority and women business enterprises in public construction projects (House, No. 4511), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 27.

Minorities
and women,—
construction.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough and other members of the House) congratulating Francis “Frank” Gay on the occasion of his retirement as the Administrator of the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority;

Francis
Gay.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Orrall of Lakeville) congratulating Russell Horgan on the occasion of his retirement from the Berkley Fire Department; and

Russell
Horgan.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Orrall of Lakeville, Gifford of Wareham and LaNatra of Kingston) congratulating Russell Pittsley on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

Russell
Pittsley.

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. 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.

Order.

The following order (filed by Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester) 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Monday,

Economic
Development
and Emerging
Technologies,—

June 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 389 and 4070.

extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4515), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferrante, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communication from the Chair of the committee on Rules.

A communication from the Chair of the committee on Rules, under the provisions of Rule 19B, was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

February 28, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House – Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This letter is to inform you that the following caucuses have [sic] registered with the committee on Rules as Legislative Member Organizations, in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 19B:

Legislative Member Organization.

Name of Caucus	Chair
Zero Waste Caucus	Rep. Michelle Ciccolo

Respectfully,
William C. Galvin
Chair.

Petitions.

Ms. Provost of Somerville presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4517) of Denise Provost and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to allow certain tenants and entities the right to purchase certain residential property when that property is being offered for sale; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,—right to purchase.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Arciero of Westford (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Richard Andrew MacDonald relative to the display or wearing of certain flags in public buildings.

Public buildings,—displays.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon, Bruce E. Tarr and others relative to certain retirement benefits for Thomas W. Devlin, a trooper of the Department of State Police.

Thomas Devlin,—benefits.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Rosa relative to housing developments in communities with a population less than 30,000 persons.

Housing developments.

By Mr. Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Allen Robertson relative to the slaughter and consumption of cats and dogs.

Animals,— protection.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of West Bridgewater (see Senate, No. 2361, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to said branch by His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Senate, No. 2542).

West Bridgewater,— police.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had adopted said amendment (in the form approved by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading) as follows:

In section 4, in lines 30 and 31, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “A special police officer appointed pursuant to this act shall be considered a reserve or intermittent police officer and subject to the third paragraph of section 96B of chapter 41 of the General Laws and shall not be considered a full-time police officer.”.

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

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Susan Edwards, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4315), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 5 inserting after the name: “Edwards” the words “to care for her immediate family member”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Susan Edwards,— sick leave.

Bills

Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the town of Hubbardston for the reconstruction of the Evergreen Road bridge over Mason Brook (Senate, No. 2370) (on Senate bill No. 1855);

Hubbardston,— easements.

To provide identification to homeless youth and families (Senate, No. 2576) (on Senate bill No. 2555, amended); and

Homeless,— identification.

Updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (Senate, No. 2577) (on Senate bill No. 2554, amended);

Disabled,— protection.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill further regulating appointments to city offices in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2411) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gloucester,— appointments.

Reports

Of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2672) of David Biele and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution; and

American Revolution,—
commission.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4260) of Marjorie C. Decker for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September 14 as plastic pollution action day;

Plastic pollution day.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the Senate committee on Rules.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Reports of Committees.

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:

To ensure adequate handicapped parking (House, No. 1794);

Parking.

To establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 1798);

Permitting.

Regarding municipal tools to lessen land use disputes (House, No. 1813);

Land disputes.

Relative to death certificates (House, No. 1922);

Death records.

Relative to the lawful return of property (House, No. 2055);

Property.

Relative to non-resident firearm licensing (House, No. 2072);

Firearms.

Relative to kayak safety (House, No. 2135);

Kayak safety.

Relative to police pursuits (House, No. 2150); and

Police chases.

Enhancing flexibility for event licensing in the town of Foxborough (printed in House, No. 4282);

Foxborough,—
licensing.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the continuity of care of mental health treatment (House, No. 907).

Mental Health treatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require health care coverage for the emergency psychiatric services (House, No. 909).

Emergency psychiatry.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase ensure dependent health coverage for adults with disabilities (House, No. 912).

Disabilities,—
insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to greater fairness in insurance (House, No. 939).

Insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the safety of autistic and Alzheimer [sic] individuals (House, No. 945).

Tracking devices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for PANDAS/PANS (House, No. 947).

PANDAS/
PANS.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring annual lung cancer screenings for firefighters (House, No. 951).

Firefighters,—
lung cancer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving lives by ensuring access to brain injury treatment (House, No. 968).	Brain injury treatment.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill empowering health care consumers (House, No. 969).	Health insurance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 979).	Cervical cancer.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for certain health insurance coverage (House, No. 984).	Health insurance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning the safety of autistic and Alzheimer [sic] individuals (House, No. 987).	Tracking devices.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to human donor milk coverage (House, No. 995).	Human donor milk.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for mammograms and breast cancer screening (House, No. 1025).	Breast cancer screening.
Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	
By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to the regulation of the business of domestic and foreign money transmission by the Division of Banks (House, No. 924).	Money transmission.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to modernizing business to business commercial insurance transactions (House, No. 928).	Commercial insurance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to unclaimed life insurance benefits (House, No. 933).	Unclaimed life insurance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to mortgage licensing and exemptions (House, No. 936).	Mortgage licensing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to continuing education of insurance producers (House, No. 938).	Insurance producers.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 53 and on a part of House, No. 27, a Bill relative to life insurance proceeds (House, No. 53).	Life insurance,—proceeds.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to homeowners insurance (House, No. 994).	Homeowners insurance.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1008).	Heating oil spills.
By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (House, No. 4410).	Jessica Renehan,—sick leave.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Geo Bernardone, an employee of the department of transportation [sic] (House, No. 4481).	Geo Bernardone,—sick leave.
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 House Bill promoting police and youth partnership (House, No.	Police and youth partnership.

2106), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4502), 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.

Supplemental appropriations.

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 4 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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jodi DiMaggio, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4600), 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.

Jodi DiMaggio,—
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 4 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 Paul A. Wilson, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 3900) (which originated in the House), 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.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Andover to convey a portion of a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 2326) (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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at twelve o'clock noon.

Next sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at twelve o'clock noon.