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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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

We ask Your blessing O God upon the women and men who serve the residents of Massachusetts in this Chamber.

Prayer.

God of Beauty and Variety, we give many thanks for the natural elements that are contained within our Commonwealth.

We give thanks for one native son who was born on this day in 1849 in the town of Lancaster. Luther Burbank was one of the most prolific developers of plant varieties.

After high school he bought some land near Lunenburg and developed a variety of the Russet potato that resisted the blight that destroyed the Irish potato. The Russet Burbank potato is the most widely grown potato in the world, the variety McDonald's uses for its French fries.

Burbank later moved to California where he went on to develop over 800 strains and varieties of plant life including the plumcot (a cross between a plum and an apricot) as well as the Shasta Daisy.

We pray especially today for 12th Worcester District Representative Harold Naughton and his staff.

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.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed his education policy analyst, Addison Koelle, to serve as his designee on the Early Education and Care Workforce Council established (under Section 79 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early education and care workforce.

Early Education and Care Workforce Council.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Philip Carlo Cicala on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Philip Cicala.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Brandon John Good on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Brandon Good.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Roy of Franklin and Murray of Milford) recognizing the Honorable Esther Fox on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Esther Fox.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Vieira of Falmouth and Fernandes of Falmouth) recognizing Frederick "Fred" C. Toran on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday;

Frederick Toran.

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. Galvin, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Gobi presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe and Anne M. Gobi relative to reviving and continuing the special commission established (under Section 103 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to study the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations due to the presence of pyrrhotite; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Pyrrhotite,—
study.

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 Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Pignatelli of Lee and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds relative to certain compensation for municipal employees in the towns of Richmond and West Stockbridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Richmond
and West
Stockbridge,—
employees.

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Mr. Pignatelli of Lee presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli relative to national heritage areas; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

National
heritage
areas.

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 Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (House, No. 140). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Minors,—
abuse.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to lift the cap on kids (House, No. 104). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Children,—
aid.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Charles E. McCabe, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 2369).

Charles
McCabe,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian S. Bibeau, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 2376).

Brian S.
Bibeau,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patty Woods, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (House, No. 3508).

Patty Woods,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph Klimkofski, Jr., an employee of Department of Public Health (House, No. 3509).

Joseph
Klimkofski,
Jr.,—
sick leave.

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

Recess.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to support improved financial stability in higher education (Senate, No. 2183), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Higher Education.

Higher
education,—
stability.

The House Order for the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative sessions (House, No. 2021, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 19.

Joint
Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the amendment was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on concurring with the Senate in its amendment, the same member moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out the text contained therein (inserted by

amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 3510; and the further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

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-five minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.