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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Justin Casey Dupont on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Jacob Benjamin Lipson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Michael Joseph O'Brien on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Brendan Joseph O'Connor on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Nicholas Jonathan Rich on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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. Santiago of Boston, 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 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 House document numbered 4407.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4556), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Brendan O'Connor.

Justin Dupont.

Jacob Lipson.

Michael

O'Brien.

Nicholas Rich.

Veterans and Federal Affairs committee, extension of time for reporting. *Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Revenue be granted until Friday, April 10, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 10, 1667, 1668, 1672, 1679, 1694, 1720, 1727, 1729, 2318 and 2586, and House documents numbered 2423, 2457, 2497, 2519, 2530, 2535, 2552, 2592, 2599, 2603, 2610, 2653, 2660, 3637, 3691, 3888, 4208, 4514 and 4516.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4569), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Golden of Lowell) 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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Monday, June 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4389 and 4390.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4560), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, 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. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Attleboro be authorized to regulate rent and evictions in mobile home park accommodations in said city. ;

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Victoria Deschamps, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until May 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2469, relative to advancing reform within the Massachusetts State Police.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the order (Senate, No. 2572) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until June 15, 2020, within which time to

Revenue committee, extension of time for reporting.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy committee, extension of time for reporting.

Attleboro, rent regulation.

Victoria Deschamps, sick leave.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee, extension of time for reporting.

Veterans and Federal Affairs committee,— make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2464 and 2502, and House document numbered 4407, relative to Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, the order (Senate, No. 2566) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill authorizing the Department of Revenue to approve a revised tax rate for the city of Taunton for the fiscal year 2020 (Senate, No. 2535) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (under the provisions of Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations for 205 CMR 6.35: Pick (n) Pools (Senate, No. 2321);

Of the committee on Public Service

On 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 medical and physical fitness standards tests of municipal public safety personnel (Senate, No. 2379); and

On 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);

And recommending that the same severally be placed on file.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee of Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Louis L. Kafka, William C. Galvin and Walter F. Timilty relative to retirement benefits for Mary Coulter-Bennett, the surviving beneficiary of former State Police Detective Lieutenant William Coulter. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4354, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4561) [Total Appropriation: \$15,000,000.00].

extension of time for reporting.

Taunton, tax revision.

Pick (n) Pools.

Municipal public safety personnel, standards.

Id.

Mary Coulter-Bennett, benefits.

Supplemental appropriations.

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

Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tracey Pisano, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2556); and

House bills

Relative to the town of Avon (House, No. 371);

Relative to burial expenses for veterans (House, No. 3210, changed);

Relative to burial expenses for veterans (House, No. 3217, changed);

To clarify the charitable purposes of certain organizations (House, No. 3331); and

Authorizing the town of Dedham to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on premises at Legacy Place (House, No. 4455) [Local Approval Received]; and

The House Resolve relative to recognition for the naval armed guard service (House, No. 3209);

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

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to HIV routine screening and care (House, No. 1953).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1846, a Bill creating a commission to study the need to reduce salt and sugar content in meals served in restaurants, schools, and public spaces (House, No. 4558).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on Senate, Nos. 201, 224, 229, 231 and House, Nos. 68, 366, 372, 373, 377, 378 and 379, a Bill to regulate sports wagering (House, No. 4559).

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to require the disclosure of lead in water pipes (House, No. 1872).

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill promoting the proper disposal of miniatures (House, No. 2881).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy production through waste reduction (House, No. 2819).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reduce [sic] administrative burden for government and industry (House, No. 2912).

Tracey Pisano, sick leave.

Avon.

Veterans.

Id. Charitable organizations.

Dedham, liquor licenses.

Naval armed guard service.

HIV care.

Healthy meals.

Sports wagering.

Water pipes, lead.

Miniature bottles.

Energy production.

Government administration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to equitably support enhanced 911 service (House, No. 2913).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy conservation (House, No. 2917).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a green technology development fund (House, No. 3623).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to energy efficiency (House, No. 4112).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2814, a Bill relative to transmission for offshore wind energy (House, No. 4550).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2832, a Bill relative to Energy Savings Efficiency (Energy SAVE) (House, No. 4551).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2862, a Bill relative to enhancing reliability of renewable resources in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4552).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2867, a Bill relative to the continued enhancement of the offshore wind industry in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4554).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2845 and 2901, a Bill for field safety in gas infrastructure (House, No. 4555).

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4318, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4557) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills

Authorizing the Department of Revenue to approve a revised tax rate for the city of Taunton for the fiscal year 2020 (see Senate, No. 2535) (which originated in the Senate); and

Funding the town of Hanover's Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (see House, No. 4061) (which originated in the House);

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.

House bills

Relative to disqualification of bidders on city contracts in the city of Northampton (House, No. 4102) (its title having been changed by the committee on bills in the Third Reading);

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Woburn as the Angelo Piazza bridge (House, No. 4207);

Enhanced 911 service.

Energy conservation.

Green technology.

Energy efficiency. Wind

energy. Energy

SAVE.

Renewable resources.

Offshore wind.

Gas infrastructure.

Milford, liquor license.

Bills enacted.

Third reading bills. Relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 4273);

Relative to certain licenses in the town of Foxborough (printed in House, No. 4282) (its title having been changed by the committee on bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the town treasurer, town tax collector and town clerk of the town of Chester (House, No. 4283) (its title having been changed by the committee on bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing Old Rochester Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements (House, No. 4435);

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.

House reports

Of the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3212) of Bradford Hill and others for legislation to allow veterans living in housing authorities to deduct the cost of traveling for medical purposes from the income total assessed by said authority; and

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 3226) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to parking at certain airports for disabled veterans;

Severally were considered.

Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the report, the petitions were recommitted, on motion of Mrs. Campbell of Methuen.

Recess.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seven minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4561), 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.

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.

Veterans, housing authorities.

Disabled veterans, airport parking.

Recess.

Supplemental appropriations.

Bill enacted.

Recess.

At twenty-three minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seven minutes after four o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

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.

Recess.

Representative Cabral of New Bedford then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Denis Lawrence, a member of the House from New Bedford from 1979 to 1990, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at nine minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (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.