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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to designating September 14, 2020 as a legal holiday (House, No. 4571), was filed in the office of the Clerk this day.

Marathon,—
legal
holiday.

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

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to addressing challenges in town governance resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4572), was filed in the office of the Clerk this day.

Town
meetings,—
public health
challenges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Salisbury to assume control of the Ring's Island Water District (Senate, No. 2597) (on Senate bill No. 1179) [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.

Salisbury,—
water
district.

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 joint petition 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. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, 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.

Victoria
Deschamps,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public health matters (House, No. 4449) reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1886) of Daniel Harvey and others that the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish a Parkinson's disease public information and education program,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Health. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Parkinson's
disease
program.

Recess.

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

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-six minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.