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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Cassidy of Brockton and other members of the House) commending the Admetech Foundation on hosting the twelfth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day at the Massachusetts State House on March 26, 2020, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Prostate Cancer
Awareness Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, 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 Ms. Khan of Newton) 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Friday, May 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 42, 44, 57, 76, 77, 784, 816 and 1242, and House documents numbered 98, 122, 139, 147, 150, 174, 1314 and 3221.

Children,
Families and
Persons with
Disabilities
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4570), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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, June 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4529.

Economic
Development
and Emerging
Technologies
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4574), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 the Judiciary be granted until May 12, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2480, relative to judiciary.

Judiciary committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton, the order (Senate, No. 2568) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property abatements to certain military personnel (Senate, No. 1650) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sutton,—
abatements.

Revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (Senate, No. 2468) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Longmeadow,—
election commissioners.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill to create a commission to investigate the advertising practices of the solar energy industry (House, No. 2839). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Solar energy,—
advertising.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill improving recycling in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2830).

Recycling.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill removing barriers to solar for low-income communities (House, No. 2843).

Solar energy,—
barriers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill for community empowerment (House, No. 2853).

Communities,—
solar projects.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to encourage [sic] predictability in utility connections (House, No. 2861).

Utility connections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to net metering for on-site renewable energy facilities (House, No. 2866).

Facilities,—
net metering.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hydro (House, No. 3621).

Hydro power.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2863, a Bill relative to greenhouse gas emissions standards for municipal lighting plants, for the purpose of promoting the Commonwealth's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions while acknowledging and preserving the statutory scheme of chapter 164 which places municipal lighting plant operations, finances, and rates under local control (House, No. 4553).

Municipal lighting plants,—
greenhouse gas emissions.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city [sic] of Greenfield (House, No. 4329) [Local Approval Received].

Greenfield,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (House, No. 4330) [Local Approval Received].

Northampton,—
appointments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land in said city for combined sewer overflow control purposes (House, No. 4362) [Local Approval Received].

Lynn,—
park land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Littleton to use certain land for construction of a water treatment facility without Article 97 restrictions on such use (House, No. 4387).

Littleton,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making the charter of the town of Sudbury gender neutral (House, No. 4388) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—
charter.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on a petition, a Bill relative to S-license compliance (House, No. 2842).

Security
systems.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Bills

Authorizing the city of Easthampton to grant 8 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, 4 additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premise and 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2381, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Pelham (see House, No. 4101) (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.

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 nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.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.