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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020.**

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Thursday, March 26, 2020.

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 further addressing challenges faced by municipalities, school districts and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4586), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, March 24.

COVID-19,—  
challenges.

The message was read; and it was referred, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## *Order.*

The following order (filed by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules:

*Ordered,* That, nothing in House Order number 4582 or House Order number 4583 previously adopted setting forth June 2, 2020, as the day for holding elections to fill the vacancies in the Thirty Seventh Middlesex District and the Third Bristol District, respectively, shall affect the election results of the primary elections held pursuant to House Orders adopted December 30, 2019 and January 6, 2020 to fill the vacancies in the Thirty Seventh Middlesex District and the Third Bristol District, respectively.

Thirty-Seventh  
Middlesex  
Representative  
District and  
Third Bristol  
Representative  
District,—  
vacancies.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4587), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

## *Member-elect to be Qualified.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed himself as a special committee of the House to conduct Representative-elect Kate Lipper-Garabedian, member-elect from the Thirty-Second Middlesex District, to the Grand Staircase to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Representative-  
elect Kate  
Lipper-  
Garabedian,—  
qualification.  
Id.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then announced that said special committee of the House had completed the assignment, and that Representative Lipper-Garabedian had, on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now a duly qualified as a member of the House.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4588) of Elizabeth A. Poirier (by vote of the town) that the town of North Attleborough be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

North  
Attleborough,—  
liquor licenses.

By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4590) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate certain affordable housing in the city of Holyoke. To the committee on Housing.

Holyoke,—  
affordable  
housing.

By Mr. Carey of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4589) of Daniel R. Carey (by vote of the town) that the town of Hadley be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land dedicated for park purposes in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Hadley,—  
land.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Barber of Somerville (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tim Wallis relative to financial literacy in public schools.

Financial  
literacy.

By Messrs. Connolly of Cambridge and Honan of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mike Connolly, Kevin G. Honan and others relative to a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

COVID-19,—  
evictions and  
foreclosure.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a COVID-19 emergency fund to provide financial assistance to certain small businesses, non-profits and municipalities affected by COVID-19.

COVID-19,—  
emergency  
fund.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a COVID-19 emergency fund to provide financial assistance to certain public institutions of higher education affected by COVID-19.

Id.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a fund to provide financial assistance to regional transportation authorities in certain areas affected by COVID-19.

COVID-19,—  
regional  
transit.

By Representatives Domb of Amherst and Carey of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb and Daniel R. Carey for legislation to extend the deadline for collection of certain taxes from restaurants, lodging and meeting venues during the declared state of emergency due to COVID-19.

COVID-19,—  
tax  
collections.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative to the membership and the reviving and continuation of the Ocean Acidification Commission.

Ocean  
Acidification  
Commission.

By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tami L. Gouveia and others that the Department of Revenue be authorized to provide emergency cash assistance to certain qualifying households.

Emergency  
cash  
assistance.

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins relative to the calculation of the pension of Walter L. Guerin.

Walter Guerin,—  
pension.

By Mr. Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher Hendricks and others relative to workers' compensation benefits for certain emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

COVID-19,—  
workers'  
compensation.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., relative to employment rights and protections for certain commissioned employees.

Commissioned  
employees.

By Ms. Miranda of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Liz Miranda and others relative to financial assistance, health care access and small business grants in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19,—  
financial  
assistance.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and others relative to providing certain state employees sick leave for COVID-19 related absences.

COVID-19,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jennifer Logan, an employee of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Jennifer  
Logan,—  
sick leave.

By Ms. Sullivan of Abington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alyson M. Sullivan relative to parental visitation and custody for children of rape victims.

Rape victims,—  
children.

By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron Vega for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marta Romero, an employee of the Department of Disability Services.

Marta  
Romero,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to impose limitations on the operation of businesses from the date of the emergency declaration issued by the Governor on March 10, 2020 until such time as the emergency declaration is rescinded.

COVID-19,—  
business  
operation.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Order (House, No. 4520) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current Senate documents numbered 7, 2034, 2047, 2049, 2056, 2069, 2071, 2072, 2123, 2137, 2289 and 2536, and House documents numbered 2963, 3040, 3073, 3083, 3116, 3126, 3135, 3156, 3672, 3980 and 4359, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the date: "Wednesday, March 25" and inserting in place thereof the date: "Monday, June 1".

Transportation  
committee,—  
extension of  
time for  
reporting.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James Arciero and others relative to creating a presumption of job relatedness for certain public safety personnel and first responders suffering from incapacitation or inability to perform their duties as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection or exposure; and

Responders,—  
COVID-19  
exposure.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paula Euber, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission;

Paula Euber,—  
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Victoria Deschamps, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4575).

Victoria  
Deschamps,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4579, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Racquel Jean-Louis, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 4585).

Racquel Jean-  
Louis,—  
sick leave.

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

*Recess.*

At four minutes 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 six minutes after four 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.

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At eight minutes after four 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.