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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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students and teachers from the Tenacre Country Day School in Wellesley. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Tenacre
Country
Day School.

Communication from Representative Velis of Westfield.

A communication from Representative Velis of Westfield was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

March 20, 2019

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I would like to request the creation of a PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) caucus for the purpose of discussing the ongoing PFAS contamination crises across several communities in the Commonwealth. At present, there are already seven confirmed cases of PFAS-contaminated drinking water in Massachusetts, including the City of Westfield in my district. With the science and understanding of these “forever chemicals” quickly evolving, it is likely that more sources will be identified in coming years. It is my intention to bring together legislators from these affected communities, and any others who are interested, to work towards a legislative response to the crisis and discuss how the General Court can assist federal and state agencies with their remediation efforts. PFAS is a developing issue; by creating this caucus, we can ensure that the legislature is apprised of and responsive to new information about PFAS as it emerges and work

PFAS (per- and
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substances)
Legislative
Caucus.

to keep our residents safe.

I thank you very much for this opportunity and encourage you to contact my office with any questions at (413) 572-3920 or john.velis@mahouse.gov.

Sincerely,
JOHN VELIS
State Representative
4th Hampden District

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Correction (see Section 16 of Chapter 123A of the General Laws) relative to sexually dangerous persons in the custody of the department during the fiscal year 2018 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on the Judiciary];

Sexually dangerous persons.

From the Office of the Essex District Attorney (see Section 32 of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on community based juvenile justice programs in Essex County for 2018;

Essex County,— juvenile justice.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development]; and

Insurance fraud.

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Probation and community corrections.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for the department's activities for calendar year 2018;

Public utilities.

Of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 3 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) relative to the Toxics Use Reduction Act activities and accomplishments for the fiscal year 2018;

Toxics use reduction.

Of the Operational Services Division (under Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity Office Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year 2018;

Supplier diversity.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2012) relative to divestment from Iran restricted securities; and

Iran,— restricted securities.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities; and

Sudan,— restricted securities.

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 23 of

Tobacco,—

Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to divestment from companies that derive certain revenues from the sale of tobacco products; and

divestment.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of 2018; and

Plymouth
County
Correctional
Facility.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through December 2018;

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kelcourse of Amesbury and Senator DiZoglio, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3639) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Amesbury be authorized to issue four additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Amesbury,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3640) of Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to designate the Nantucket Housing Authority as the agency authorized to create, administer and enforce housing needs covenants in said town. To the committee on Housing.

Nantucket,—
housing
authority.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3641) of Christine P. Barber and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose municipal reviews on institutional master plans of certain institutional facilities;

Somerville,—
institutions.

By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3642) of Carolyn C. Dykema (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Holliston;

Holliston,—
conservation
commission.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3643) of Denise C. Garlick, Shawn Dooley and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Medfield be authorized to enter into a long-term lease for an arts and cultural center;

Medfield,—
lease.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3644) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Bedford be authorized to release a portion of a certain conservation restriction in said town; and

Bedford,—
land.

By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3645) of Denise Provost and others (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose fees on certain development projects to fund the Green Line Extension;

Somerville,—
Green Line
fees.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Frost of Auburn and Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost relative to tax assessments of certain horticultural land.

Horticultural
land.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 7A) of Patricia A. Haddad that the Bristol County Retirement Board to authorized to grant creditable service to Christopher R. Carreiro.

Christopher Carreiro,— benefits.

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to the Massachusetts Child Custody Jurisdiction Act.

Child custody.

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephan Hay and others relative to property taxes of federal employees required to work without pay or furloughed during the shutdown of the federal government.

Federal employees,— taxes.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephan Hay and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the fourth of February as Rosa Parks day.

Rosa Parks day.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle and others (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to transfer and have air rights over certain parcels of park and state land.

Lowell,— land.

By Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States.

President,— impeachment.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to require notices of pesticide applications.

Pesticides,— notices.

By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo relative to special education costs for certain students with life-threatening impairments.

Special education,— costs.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan relative to the retirement benefits of John G. Flores, a former employee of the Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunication.

John Flores,— benefits.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (House, No. 140), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2191. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Conversion therapy,— minors.

The House Bill to lift the cap on kids (House, No. 3594), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2186. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Aid to families with dependent children,— cap on kids.

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 Tackey Chan relative to genetic counselors. To the committee on Public Health.

Genetic counselors.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan for legislation to include the compensation of employees of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for certain retirement purposes; and

Water Authority,— compensation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Autumn Fugere, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services;

Autumn Fugere,— sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1143) of Josh S. Cutler and Mathew J. Muratore relative to funding the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Trust Fund,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Behavioral health,— workforce fund.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1151) of William C. Galvin for legislation to encourage quality reviews and reduce costs in health care,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Health care,— quality reviews.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1182) of Liz Miranda, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to Medicaid coverage for physical, emotional, and educational support services provided by trained professionals,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Trained professionals,— Medicaid coverage.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1674) of James J. O'Day relative to public employee workers' compensation benefits for injuries from acts of violence of patients or prisoners,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service.

Public employees,— benefits.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1613) of Shawn Dooley and others relative to allowing legislative employees to unionize,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Legislative employees.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Harrington of Groton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.