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Met at nine minutes after 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. Linsky of Natick) celebrating dedication of the Chase Family Square in the town of Natick, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Natick,—
Chase Family
Square.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Linsky, 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. Decker of Cambridge) 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 Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until Friday, May 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1716 and 1748.

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4578), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston) 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 Municipalities and Regional Government be granted until Friday, May 8, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 114 and 1204, and House documents numbered 1757, 1758, 1773, 1774, 1822 and 1823.

Municipalities
and Regional
Government
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4577), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Mahoney of Worcester) 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 Public Health be granted until Saturday, May 30, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1182, 1839, 1840, 1848, 1867, 1869, 1887, 1926, 1945, 1964, 1980, 3496, 3999, 4096 and 4322.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4592), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public Health committee,— extension of time for reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Mahoney of Worcester) 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 Public Health be granted until Saturday, May 30, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1850, 1866, 1878, 1942 and 1961.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4595), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Id.

The following order (filed by Miss Gregiore of Marlborough) 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2587, and House document numbered 4511.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4614), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State Administration and Regulatory Oversight committee,— extension of time for reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) 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 Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development be granted until Tuesday, June 2, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 2931.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4613), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development committee,— extension of time for reporting.

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 documents numbered 4512 and 4513.

Veterans, etc. committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4591), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communication.

A communication from the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law], was placed on file.

Plymouth County,—
technology fund.

Petitions.

Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Chandler presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Amanda Caruso, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Amanda Caruso,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and others relative to state employees performing core function during the Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 emergency declaration.

COVID-19,—
state employees.

By Representatives Elugardo of Boston and Balsler of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nika C. Elugardo, Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation to provide cash assistance to certain persons 65 years of age or older who stopped working due to COVID-19.

COVID-19,—
elderly cash assistance.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others to expand options for local restaurants during the COVID-19 emergency.

COVID-19,—
local restaurants.

By Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Hannah Kane and others relative to providing emergency assistance for municipal public safety overtime costs.

Municipal public safety,—
overtime.

By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Nika C. Elugardo relative to providing out-of-state medical licensing reciprocity during the COVID-19 emergency.

Medical licensing,—
reciprocity.

By Messrs. Pignatelli of Lenox and Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli that the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development be authorized to administer a \$75,000,000 COVID-19 food service and hospitality worker relief fund.

Food and hospitality relief fund.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo M. Scaccia and others relative to the suspension of certain taxes on meals and restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meal taxes,—
forgiveness.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to address challenges faced by municipalities and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4598), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its further amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4612) with a still further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2622. The still further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

COVID-19,—
government
challenges.

Subsequently said committee reported that the amendment was correctly drawn.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its still further amendment with a still still further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4617. The still still further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its still further amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the still still further amendment.

A Bill providing additional support to those affected by the novel coronavirus through the unemployment insurance system (Senate, No. 2618) (on Senate, No. 2598), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Unemployment
insurance.

A Bill authorizing the city of Gloucester to designate certain property for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2330) (on a petition) [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.

Gloucester,—
land.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, 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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until June 4, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2514, relative to gas safety.

Telecommunica-
tions, Utilities
and Energy
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, the order (Senate, No. 2591), 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 Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until May 15, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1144 and 1160, relative to Mental Health and Substance Use matters.

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery
committee,—

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the order (Senate, No. 2607), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

extension of time
for reporting.

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 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. To the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

COVID-19,—
small business
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and others for legislation to authorize on-premises consumption licensees to sell certain current inventory of alcoholic beverages to members of the general public who are not under twenty-one years of age. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Alcoholic
beverages,—
inventory.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others that all persons who become unemployed as a result of COVID-19 have access to MassHealth coverage. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

COVID-19,—
MassHealth.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Paul W. Mark and others relative to rent freeze and rent control during the state and federal state of emergency declarations of March, 2020. To the committee on Housing.

COVID-19,—
rent.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to pretrial services during the COVID-19 declaration of emergency. To the committee on the Judiciary.

COVID-19,—
pretrial
services.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of David M. Rogers, Patricia D. Jehlen and others for legislation to further regulate unemployment assistance during public health or public safety emergencies. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Unemployment
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Smitty Pignatelli, John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish a fund providing financial assistance to residents who experience certain financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. To the committee on Public Health.

COVID-19,—
financial
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Brantley, an employee of Department of Developmental Services.

Kimberly
Brantley,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jessica Ocasio, an employee of Department of Transitional Assistance.

Jessica
Ocasio,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tami L. Gouveia and others that the Department of Revenue be authorized to provide emergency cash assistance to certain qualifying households. To the committee on Revenue.

COVID-19,—
cash
assistance.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration

<p>Of the Bill relative to the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center (House, No. 1244);</p> <p>Of the Resolve establishing an enhanced public school safety commission (House, No. 2018);</p> <p>Of the Bill creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders (House, No. 2083);</p> <p>Of the Resolve providing for a “Special Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training” to study and make recommendations concerning the implementation of a Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) system (House, No. 2146);</p> <p>Of the Bill establishing a commission to study the offshore wind investment tax credit (House, No. 2487);</p> <p>Of the Bill relative to PILOT compensation to towns with a high percentage of state owned land (House, No. 2658);</p> <p>Of the Bill relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 2945);</p> <p>Of the Bill relative to the architect laureate (House, No. 2947);</p> <p>Of the Bill [sic] special act funding a study of passenger service on the Housatonic rail line (House, No. 3110);</p> <p>Of the Bill to establish a commission to report on the people’s budget (House, No. 3220);</p> <p>Of the Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (House, No. 4461);</p> <p>Of the Bill establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness (House, No. 4490);</p> <p>Of the Bill relative to a supportive technology commission (House, No. 4493); and</p> <p>Of the Bill establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education (House, No. 4497);</p> <p>And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.</p>	<p>Reggie Lewis center.</p> <p>Public school safety.</p> <p>Sex offenders,— task force.</p> <p>Peace Officers Standards and Training.</p> <p>Offshore wind.</p> <p>PILOT compensation.</p> <p>Poet laureate.</p> <p>Architect.</p> <p>Housatonic rail line service.</p> <p>People’s budget.</p> <p>Low income workers.</p> <p>Women and homelessness.</p> <p>Technology,— study.</p> <p>Childhood education.</p>
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Orders of the Day.

<p>The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tracey Pisano, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2556), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.</p>	<p>Third reading bill.</p>
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<p>The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Victoria Deschamps, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4575), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.</p>	<p>Id.</p>
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<p>The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Racquel Jean-Louis, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department (House, No. 4585), reported</p>	<p>Racquel Jean-Louis,— sick leave.</p>
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by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff’s department, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4585, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes after one o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to housing service coordinators (House, No. 1279), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill providing for a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emergency (House, No. 4615).

COVID-19,—
evictions and
foreclosures.

Under suspension of rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Michlewitz, the bill was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty minutes after one o’clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at seven minutes after five o’clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

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

Tracey
Pisano,—
sick leave.

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 4 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Report of a Committee.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on the residue of House, No. 4586, a Bill to further address challenges faced by municipalities, school districts and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4616), was read.

COVID-19,—
government
challenges.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time and a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At ten minutes after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at ten minutes before seven o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill to address challenges faced by municipalities and state authorities resulting from COVID-19 (House, No. 4598, amended), 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.

COVID-19,—
government
challenges.

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 4 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.

Bill enacted.

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.

At six minutes before eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.