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Thursday, April 4, 2019.

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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth) congratulating Tristan R. Israel on the occasion of his retirement as a member of the board of selectmen of the town of Tisbury and the island of Martha's Vineyard;

Tristan
Israel.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating David DiCicco on the receipt of the Book of Golden Deeds Award;

David
DiCicco.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Hecht of Watertown and Ciccolo of Lexington) commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda;

Rwandan
genocide.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Frances Campana on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Frances
Campana.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Malia of Boston) congratulating Ann Clarke on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director-Treasurer of the Massachusetts Teachers Association;

Ann
Clarke.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Malia of Boston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

The following communication was read and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

April 4, 2019.

Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House
State House, Room 356
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I write to notify you that, pursuant to Section 51 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws and House Rule 13B, the House committee on Rules has voted unanimously to appoint James C. Kennedy of Milton as Counsel to the House of Representatives.

House
Counsel
appointed.

Sincerely,
WILLIAM C. GALVIN, *Chair*
House committee on Rules
State Representative
Sixth Norfolk District.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That, the House ratify the appointment by the House committee on Rules of James C. Kennedy as Counsel to the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 51 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

House Counsel
James C.
Kennedy.

Petitions.

Petitions (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, with memoranda or letter relative thereto) severally were referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3675) of Louis L. Kafka, Steven S. Howitt and James K. Hawkins that the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation be authorized to create and maintain a fund for the insurance of shares and deposits of members of the Central Credit Union Fund, Inc. To the committee on Financial Services.

Massachusetts
Credit Union
Share Insurance
Corporation.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3669) of Dylan A. Fernandes for legislation to establish a Martha's Vineyard housing bank. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Martha's
Vineyard,—
housing bank.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3676) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Burlington be authorized to issue five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and four additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Burlington,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3677) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and Marc R. Pacheco (with the approval of the town council) that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to appoint police cadets under certain circumstances to the police department of said town; and

Bridgewater,—
police cadets.

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3678) of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Attleboro be authorized to amend the charter of said city by making all gender references therein gender neutral;

Attleboro,—
charter.

By Representative Mark of Peru and Senator Hinds, a joint petition

Hinsdale,—

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 3679) of Paul W. Mark and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) relative to the position of appointed treasurer-collector in the town of Hinsdale;

treasurer-collector.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3680) of Timothy R. Whelan (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Yarmouth;

Yarmouth,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3681) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption; and

Salem,—
tax
exemption.

By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3682) of Tommy Vitolo (by vote of the town) relative to property tax relief for low and moderate income seniors in the town of Brookline;

Brookline,—
property
taxes.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Mark of Peru and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patricia Harrison, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Patricia
Harrison,—
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 Mr. McGonagle of Everett, 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.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Biele of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Biele relative to the collective bargaining rights of certain administrative employees.

Collective
bargaining.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Claire D. Cronin relative to non-violation of parole for possession of valid prescriptions.

Parolees,—
prescriptions.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley relative to the medical expense tax deduction.

Medical tax
deductions.

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mary Gilbert relative to exemptions for certain stormwater management and climate change adaptations.

Climate change
adaptions,—
exemptions.

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sally M. Hoyt for legislation to increase the limit of damages allowable for the service of a writ or other process by certain constables.

Constables,—
damage
limits.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt and Andres X. Vargas relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation retained revenue.

Conservation
and recreation,—
revenue.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the last full week in April as building trades opioids awareness week.

Opioids
week.

By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to protection of deceased family members against foreclosure and other civil action.

Foreclosure
protection.

By Mr. Mirra of West Newbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lenny Mirra and Bruce E. Tarr relative to innovations in energy management technologies in regenerative braking for metro trains in the Commonwealth.

Metro trains,—
braking.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lenny Mirra relative to the use of urgent care centers by MassHealth patients.

Urgent care
centers.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alfred Thurlow relative to the public hearing process for zoning ordinances.

Zoning,—
hearings.

By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Grafton as the veterans memorial bridge.

Grafton,—
bridge.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2188) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Daniel R. Carey (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Easthampton to grant eight additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, four additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premise and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Easthampton,—
liquor
licenses.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2193) of Eric P. Lesser, Paul R. Feeney and Joanne M. Comerford and others for legislation to invest more in middle class jobs and less in the relocation of out-of-state corporations. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Public
infrastructure,—
grants.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2194) of John F. Keenan and Mark J. Cusack for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Chung Tam, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Chung Tam,—
sick leave.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Balsler of Newton, for the committee on the Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 629) of William M. Straus relative to pharmaceutical pricing; and

Pharmaceutical
pricing.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3551) of José F. Tosado and others for legislation to promote transparency and cost control of pharmaceutical drug prices;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3572) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Rebecca L. Rausch and others relative to workplace harassment in the State House,— and

Workplace
harassment.

recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (House, No. 3070).

Identification,—
gender.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3092 and 3118, a Bill to reduce traffic fatalities (House, No. 3092).

Traffic
fatalities.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to lift the cap on kids (House, No. 3594), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Aid to families
with dependent
children.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (House, No. 140), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Conversion
therapy,—
minors.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by adding the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to prevent forthwith abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The further amendment was adopted.

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

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (see House, No. 140, 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.

Conversion
therapy,—
minors.

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 3 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.

The engrossed Bill to lift the cap on kids (see House, No. 3594, 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.

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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 thirteen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.