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Monday, April 6, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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. Cutler of Pembroke) congratulating Matthew Avery on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Matthew  
Avery.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Sullivan of Abington) congratulating James Kohler on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

James  
Kohler.

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 Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, 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. Balsler 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 Elder Affairs be granted until Wednesday, July 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 352, 358, 376, 381 and 2376, and House documents numbered 601, 605, 609, 610, 611, 618, 630 and 3830.

Elder Affairs  
committee,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4618), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Hay of Fitchburg) 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 Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Friday, June 5, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 3835.

Labor and  
Workforce  
Development  
committee,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4619), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of

Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) 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 Service be granted until Friday, June 19, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1565, 2257 and 2267, and House documents numbered 35, 2163, 2251, 4049, 4254, 4542, 4562, 4568 and 4573.

Public Service committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4620), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Cahill of Lynn and Capano of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel Cahill and Peter Capano relative to city and town committee reorganization dates.

Town and city committees.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel M. Donahue relative to a grant program for the operation of temporary shelters for homeless individuals established in gateway cities during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Temporary homeless shelters.

By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for legislation to temporarily extend the state income tax filing deadline until July 15, 2020.

State income tax deadline.

By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Internet access.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to a micro-business stimulus package due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Micro-business stimulus package.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to a grant program for certain small community churches in gateway cities, so-called.

Small churches.

By Mr. Moran of Lawrence, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Frank A. Moran and others relative to remote notarization during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Remote notarization.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others that certain institutions of higher education offering emergency aid be immune from suit and liability.

Higher education liability.

By Mr. Tosado of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of José F. Tosado and others for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jennifer Brown, an employee of Department of Children and Families.

Jennifer Brown,— sick leave.

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

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2623) of Diana DiZoglio (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Brian M. Belfiore to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,—  
Brian  
Belfiore.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2624) of Marc R. Pacheco, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the retirement group of Taunton Fire Department Mechanic Michael Perry;

Taunton,—  
Michael  
Perry.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A petition of Michael D. Brady and Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to authorize the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey and acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Halifax, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Halifax,—  
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2627) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

#### *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 and others that the Department of Transitional Assistance be authorized to administer a \$50,000,000 local food access emergency fund to provide financial assistance to food pantries severely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

COVID-19,—  
food pantry  
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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; and

COVID-19,—  
college, etc.  
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mindy Domb and others for legislation to suspend payment and collection of student loan payments provided for post-secondary education or vocational training during the COVID-19 emergency declaration and to designate certain outstanding bonds used to fund said loans as general obligation bonds;

COVID-19,—  
student loans.

Severally to the committee on Higher Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Christopher Hendricks and others relative to workers' compensation benefits for certain emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

COVID-19,—  
workers'  
compensation.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Municipal  
business  
limitations.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Hannah Kane and others relative to providing emergency assistance for municipal public safety overtime costs. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Safety  
officers,—  
overtime.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan and others relative to state employees performing core function during the Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID-19 emergency declaration. To the committee on Public Service.

COVID-19,—  
state  
employees.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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; and

COVID-19,—  
restaurant  
taxes.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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,—  
grants and  
assistance.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a fund to provide financial assistance to regional transportation authorities in certain areas affected by COVID-19. To the committee on Transportation.

Regional  
transit  
authorities.

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.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Brian Benson, a police officer of the city of Salem (House, No. 4144), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Salem,—  
Brian  
Benson.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4621), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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.

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At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.