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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.

Petition.

Representative Wong of Saugus and Senator Crighton presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4633) of Donald H. Wong and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) that the town of Saugus be authorized to continue the employment of Kevin Nichols, an employee of the Saugus Police Department, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Saugus,—
Kevin
Nichols.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2628) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Gloucester to use certain lands for municipal school purposes, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Gloucester,—
land.

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 Carlos González and others relative to a micro-business stimulus package due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

COVID-19,—
micro-business
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carlos González and others relative to internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

COVID-19,—
internet access.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carlos González and others relative to a grant program for certain small community churches in gateway cities, so-called;

Gateway
city churches.

Severally to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Nika C. Elugardo, Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to provide cash assistance to certain persons 65 years of age or older who stopped working due to COVID-19. To the committee on Elder Affairs.

COVID-19,—
cash
assistance.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

COVID-19,—
food and
hospitality
relief fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Nika C. Elugardo relative to providing out-of-state medical licensing reciprocity during the COVID-19 emergency. To the committee on Public Health.

Medical
licensing,—
reciprocity.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Angelo M. Scaccia and others relative to the suspension of certain taxes on meals and restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic. To the committee on Revenue.

COVID-19,—
meal tax
forgiveness.

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

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 149, a Resolve to better prepare the Commonwealth for climate change refugees (House, No. 4494). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Climate
change,—
refugees.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Racquel Jean-Louis, an employee of the Suffolk Sheriff's Department (see House, No. 4585, 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.

Racquel
Jean-Louis,—
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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Amesbury to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4333) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karyn Buckley, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4251), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Karyn
Buckley,—
sick leave.

The House Bill authorizing the licensing authority of the city of Woburn to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4338) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the

Third
reading
bill.

Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.