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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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4636) of Richard M. Haggerty and Michelle L. Ciccolo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Woburn be authorized to use certain land in said city for fire station purposes; and

Woburn,—
land.

By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4637) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to make permanent improvements to private ways and assess betterments in said town;

Webster,—
private
ways.

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. Barrett of North Adams and Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and Smitty Pignatelli relative to establishing a COVID-19 nonprofit cultural organizations emergency relief fund.

COVID-19,—
cultural
non-profits.

By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and others for legislation to decrease the current signature requirements through the 2020 election for certain candidates for public office.

Elections
signature
requirements.

By Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Kelcourse and others relative to credit rating protections due to the financial impact from the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
credit rating
protection.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Murphy and others relative to emergency financial protections and forbearance for consumers and small business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
financial
protections.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli relative to ballot nominations for federal elections during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

COVID-19,—
federal
elections.

By Mr. Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia and others relative to anti-hoarding and return of bulk items purchased during the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19,—
anti-hoarding.

By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to the showing of residential real property during the COVID-19 state of emergency declaration.

COVID-19,—
property
showings.

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

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) Patrick Joseph Kearney and Nika C. Elugardo that internet service providers make broadband and data services available free-of-charge for all students. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Internet service,— students.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Michael O. Moore and others for legislation to establish homeowner protections due to COVID-19. To the committee on Financial Services.

COVID-19,— homeowner protections.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Tami L. Gouveia and James B. Eldridge that the Water Supply District of Acton be authorized to enter into a lease, license or other disposition of land held for water supply purposes for the construction, operation and maintenance of a solar energy generating and energy storage facility. To the committee Municipalities and Regional Government.

Acton,— water supply district.

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 a petition, a Bill establishing a pilot program to improve coordination of mental health care for system-involved youth (House, No. 111, changed in line 1 by inserting before the following: “(a)” the following: “The General Laws are hereby amended in Chapter 18A by inserting after section 10 the following new section:— Section 11. ” ; and in line 35 by striking out the figure: “1” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “2”). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

System-involved youth,— mental health.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to accessibility at gas station[sic] (House, No. 94, changed in line 8 by inserting after the word “Representatives” the words “and the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities”).

Gas stations,— access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to education or training activities for purposes of meeting the Department of Transitional Assistance work requirement (House, No. 136, changed in line 7 by striking out the words “nursing and social work” and inserting in place thereof the words “fields in which the Commonwealth is experiencing a labor shortage”).

Transitional assistance,— work requirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to end child homelessness (House, No. 160, changed in line 1 by inserting before the word “Notwithstanding” the following: “SECTION 1. Clause 5 of section 3 of chapter 18B as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, in line 34, after the word ‘themselves’ the following:— ”; and in line 2 by striking out the word “of”, the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the word “or”).

Children,— homelessness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting vulnerable adults from financial exploitation (House, No. 4281, changed in line 39 by striking out the words “previously designated by the eligible adult” and inserting in place thereof the words “designated in advance by the eligible person”).

Financial exploitation,— protection.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill designating September 14, 2020 as a legal holiday (printed in House, No. 4571).

Legal holiday.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karyn Buckley, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4251, 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.

Karyn Buckley,— 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 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing David Mottor to purchase creditable service from the Easthampton Contributory Retirement Board (House, No. 4205), 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.

Third reading bill.

Recess.

At five minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute after five o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

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 1697, 1699, 1709, 1712, 1724, 1733, 1734 and 1736.

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. 4646), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2631) of the House Bill providing for a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 emergency (House, No. 4615), reported recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4647).

COVID-19,—
evictions and
foreclosures.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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