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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 Ms. Elugardo of Boston) calling on the Trump Administration and the United States Secretary of Agriculture to authorize the use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program electronic benefits transfer cards for online grocery purchases in the Commonwealth; and

Nutrition
assistance,—
online
purchases.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House) recognizing May 1-7 as Elks National Youth week;

Elks youth
week.

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 Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. DeLeo and Joseph A. Boncore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Dyana Gonzalez, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Dyana
Gonzalez,—
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. Wong of Saugus, 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. Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to employment under the unemployment insurance program.

Unemployment
insurance.

By Messrs. Livingstone of Boston and Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jay D. Livingstone, David M. Rogers and others relative to unemployment insurance for the gig economy, so-called.

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

Id.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill providing additional support to those affected by the novel coronavirus through the unemployment insurance system (Senate, No. 2618), ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4648.

COVID-19,—
unemployment
insurance.

Under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill was read a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. The bill (Senate, No. 2618, amended) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill providing for the abandonment of a certain sewer line easement in West Roxbury (House, No. 3951), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4649).

Boston,—
sewer
easement.

Under suspension of rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 534, a Bill providing for diabetes management in schools (House, No. 4638).

Schools,—
diabetes.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 1842, 1876 and 3503, a Bill creating a commission to study concussions that occur as a result of varsity sports in public and private high schools (House, No. 4639).

High
schools,—
concussions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1858 and 3491, a Bill to create a stroke system of care (House, No. 4640).

Strokes,—
care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1931, a Bill relative to the availability of prescription medication during an emergency (House, No. 4641).

Emergencies,—
prescription
medications.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 448 and 564, a Bill relative to student data privacy (House, No. 4642).

Students,—
data privacy.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 973, a Bill relative to fair and accurate motor vehicle insurance quotes (House, No. 4643).

Motor
vehicles,—
insurance.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4365, a Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages on the premises to Lanni Orchards (House, No. 4644) [Local Approval Received].

Lunenburg,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, No. 4439, a Bill authorizing the city of Medford to utilize funds received from the surrounding community agreement entered into between the city of Medford and Wynn MA LLC for the purposes set forth in the agreement (House, No. 4645) [Local Approval Received].

Medford,—
funds.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sharon to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4402) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the 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.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill designating the last week of April as building trades recovery week (House, No. 3989) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Building
trades recovery
week.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 7 by inserting after the word “industry” the words “; and recommending that said week be observed in an appropriate manner by the people”; and 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 designation of the last week of April as Building Trades Recovery Week, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3989, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes before five o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing for a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emergency (see House, No. 4647), 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,—
evictions and
foreclosures.

Pending the question on adoption of the emergency preamble, Mr. Dooley of Norfolk asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) determined that a quorum was not in attendance, and, since a quorum was not present, under House Rule 82, the Chair, at twenty-eight minutes before five o'clock P.M., declared an adjournment of the House until the following day at two o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.

Quorum.