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Met according to adjournment at two o'clock P.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. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler relative to notification of changing polling locations during a state of emergency.

Polling
locations.

By Ms. Whipps of Athol, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Rebecca
Stratford,—
sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to provide liability protections for health care workers and facilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Senate, No. 2640) (on a part of Senate bill No. 2635), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

COVID-19,—
liability
protections.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Raynham to suspend the collection of boat excise (Senate, No. 1758) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Raynham,—
boat excise.

Requiring the city of Lowell to transfer certain parcels of land between the park department and the school department (Senate, No. 2636) (on Senate bill No. 2445) [Local Approval Received];

Lowell,—
land.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill to provide liability protections for health care workers and facilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic (see Senate, No. 2640), having been

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certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

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.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Victoria Deschamps, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see House, No. 4575), 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.

Victoria
Deschamps,—
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.

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 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,—
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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 Bills.

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) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Exempting the police chief of the town of Plainville from the civil service law (see House, No. 4053); and

Bills
enacted.

Exempting certain positions in the police department of the town of Plainville from the civil service law (see House, No. 4054);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill providing for the abandonment of a certain sewer line easement in West Roxbury (House, No. 4649), 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-four minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.