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Met at six minutes after 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 and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Barber of Somerville and Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine P. Barber, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others relative to stimulus checks to immigrant taxpayers.

Immigrants,—
stimulus
checks.

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to school trip refunds during a declared state of emergency.

School trips,—
refunds.

By Messrs. Donato of Medford and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato, Sean Garballey and others relative to emergency paid sick time.

Emergency
paid sick
time.

By Messrs. Mark of Peru and Donahue of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to provide liability protections for contractors, sub-contractors and unions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
contractor
liability.

By Representative Roy of Franklin and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to protect elections.

Elections,—
protection.

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

A petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Mark J. Cusack and others that the towns of Braintree, Holbrook and Randolph be authorized to establish the Tri-Town water district (having been returned by the State Secretary with a letter stating that the petitioner had failed to file proof of notice of publication), was placed on file.

Tri-Town
water
district,—
establishment.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until May 15, 2020, within which time to make its final report on all matters referred to them relative to consumer protection and professional licensure.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the order (Senate, No. 2620) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until May 15, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1134, 1145, 1152, 1153, and 1154, relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters.

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the order (Senate, No. 2648) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Health be granted until May 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1208, 1250, 1251, 1264, 1270, 1276, 1278, 1314, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1335, 1350, and 2359, relative to public health legislation.

Public Health committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2617) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development be granted until June 2, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2029, relative to procurement services for artists.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2625) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

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 providing aid to nonprofit and charitable organizations in gateway cities for the provision of services during the COVID-19 outbreak. To the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

COVID-19,—gateway city charities.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to credit card debt collection during the COVID-19 outbreak. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

COVID-19,—credit card debt.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to establishing voting by mail. To the committee on Election Laws.

Voting by mail.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Maria Duaine Robinson and others for legislation to provide hazard pay for essential workers in the COVID-19 emergency. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

COVID-19,—hazard pay.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative to authorizing the county of Dukes County to borrow funds for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 as a result of

COVID-19,—Dukes County funds.

COVID-19 based financial impacts. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Zamansky, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (Senate, No. 2603), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Jessica
Zamansky,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Salisbury to assume control of the Ring's Island Water District (Senate, No. 2597), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Euber, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4662) (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.

Id.

The House Bill changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (House, No. 4095), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Dukes
County,—
treasurer.

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. 4673), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 225) of Shawn Dooley and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to grant six additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

Plainville,—
liquor
licenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3870) of Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) that the town of Maynard be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premise;

Maynard,—
liquor
license.

Severally were considered.

Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the reports, the petitions were recommitted, on motions of Mr. Wong of Saugus.

Recess.

At seventeen 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 five minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Salisbury to assume control of the Ring's Island Water District (see Senate, No. 2597) (which originated in the Senate); and

Providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Weston (see House, No. 4273) (which 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.

Bills
enacted.

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 seven minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.