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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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Steadfastness and Abiding Love, we ask Your blessing upon the membership of the House and upon the many who are employed by this institution. We give thanks for the efforts of our Representatives who worked long and hard the past few weeks to produce a budget for Massachusetts.

We remember today the 1784 birth of Samuel Turrell Armstrong in Dorchester. Originally a book seller and a printer of religious materials, Armstrong turned to public service in the 1820s. He served two terms in this House, and three terms as Lieutenant-Governor with a brief stint as acting Governor. In the year 1836 he was defeated when he ran for the office of Governor, but was elected that same year to a one year term as the mayor of Boston. As mayor, Armstrong oversaw the construction of the iron fencing around the Boston Common as well as the creating of the Central Burying Ground within the Common.

May his spirit of endurance have an impact on all who wish to serve Massachusetts.

May God continue to bless our country and our Commonwealth.

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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced athletes and coaches from the Shrewsbury Special Olympics Basketball team, who participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The team recently won a silver medal at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi. They were the guests of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Kengo Nakaoji, mayor of Nagaokakyo, Japan. The city of Nagaokakyo is the sister city of the town of Arlington. He was the guest of Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge.

Statement of Representative Haggerty of Woburn.

A statement of Mr. Haggerty of Woburn was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Shrewsbury Special Olympics basketball team.

Mayor Kengo Nakaoji. MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session of Thursday, April 25. If I had been present for that session, I would have voted in the negative on roll call No. 51 on adoption of amendment No. 1337. I would have voted in the affirmative, in each instance, on roll call No. 52 on adoption of consolidated amendment "H", on roll call No. 53 on adoption of amendment No. 1202, on roll call 54 on adoption of consolidated amendment "I", and also on roll call No. 55 on the question on passing the General Appropriation Bill to be engrossed.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating the Hudson Portuguese Club on their one hundredth anniversary; and

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Erik Henry Anderson on earning the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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 Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, 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. Kelcourse of Amesbury presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Kelcourse (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Newburyport be authorized to abolish the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

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. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Claire D. Cronin relative to insurance premium criteria.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carrie Peters, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Senate bills

Relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (Senate, No. 2213) (on Senate bill No. 2203, amended); and

Statement of Mr. Haggerty of Woburn.

Hudson,— Portuguese Club. Erik Anderson.

Newburyport Redevelopment Authority.

Insurance premiums.

Carrie Peters, sick leave.

Identification, gender. To reduce traffic fatalities (Senate, No. 2214) (on Senate bill No. 2204, amended);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition of Mark C. Montigny and Christopher Hendricks for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mark A. Paiva, an employee of the Department of Correction, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2215) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 petition of Lenny Mirra and Bruce E. Tarr relative to innovations in energy management technologies in regenerative braking for metro trains in the Commonwealth; and the same be referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Modifying the Sherwood Forest Road maintenance district in the town of Becket (House, No. 1819) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maryanne Healey, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (House, No. 3689); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Scott A. Smith, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 3693);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,-

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

Traffic, fatalities.

Mark Paiva, sick leave.

Metro trains, technologies.

Becket, roads.

Maryanne Healey.

Scott Smith, sick leave.

Next sitting.

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