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Met at eight minutes after 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.

Recess.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter before twelve o'clock noon; and at ten minutes before twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

The following order (filed by Ms. Khan of Newton) 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 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Tuesday, September 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 57 and 77, and House documents numbered 139 and 174.

Children, Families
and Persons with
Disabilities,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4674), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cullinane of Boston) 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 Health Care Financing be granted until Friday, June 19, 2020 within which time to make its final report on all matters referred to them, except that said committee shall have 30 days to report on any matter referred to them less than 30 days from said date.

Health Care
Financing
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4675), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cullinane of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A petition of James T. Welch and Thomas M. Petrolati for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Angelica Rodriguez, an employee of Department of Children and Families, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Angelica Rodriguez,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2672) 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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to school trip refunds during a declared state of emergency. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

School trips,—
refunds.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul W. Mark, and others for legislation to provide liability protections for contractors, sub-contractors and unions during the COVID-19 pandemic. To the committee on the Judiciary.

COVID-19,—
contractor
liability.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato, Sean Garballey and others relative to emergency paid sick time. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Emergency
paid sick
time.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Christine P. Barber, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others relative to stimulus checks to immigrant taxpayers. To the committee on Revenue.

Immigrants,—
stimulus
checks.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 to provide short-term relief for families in deep poverty (House, No. 4622).

Families,—
short-term
relief.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to employees of the Commonwealth who are required to respond to crime scenes (House, No. 2384).

Crime
scenes.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Woburn to use certain land for fire station purposes (House, No. 4636) [Local Approval Received].

Woburn,—
land.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Logan, an employee of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (House, No. 4655).

Jennifer
Logan,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Dyana Gonzalez, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (House, No. 4665).

Dyana
Gonzalez,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4656, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Brown, an employee of [sic] Department of Children and Families (DCF) (House, No. 4678).

Jennifer
Brown,—
sick leave.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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

At six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at nine minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rule 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the temporary emergency House Rules (House, No. 4676), which was considered.

Emergency
House Rules.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Vieira of Falmouth moved to amend it in proposed emergency rule 20, in line 382, by striking out the following: "a majority of the House adopts an Order declaring the state of emergency within the House has ceased or until 11:59 P.M. on January 5, 2021" and inserting in place thereof the following: "the enactment of House Bill No. 4593, 'An Act to facilitate the delay of the income tax filing deadline', or the enactment of any substitute text recommended for or offered to the subject matter contained therein."

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, and the main question on adoption of the order, Mr. Jones of North Reading asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present.

Quorum.

A quorum not being in attendance, The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), at seven minutes before two o'clock P.M., under the provisions of Rule 82, declared an adjournment of the House until tomorrow at ten o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.