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Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at ten 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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) 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 Election Laws be granted until Friday, June 26, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2653 and 2654, and House document numbered 4660.

Election Laws
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4680), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Naughton of Clinton) 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Monday, June 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 3573 and 4611.

Public Safety
and Homeland
Security
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4682), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Miss Gregoire of Marlborough) 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2268, 2403 and 2627, and House documents numbered 36, 2698, 2742 and 4217.

State
Administration
and Regulatory
Oversight
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4681), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mindy Domb and others relative to COVID-19 data in state and county correctional facilities.

COVID-19,—
jails, etc.

By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to a micro-business stimulus package due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
micro-business
stimulus.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others relative to internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
internet access.

By Representatives McMurtry of Dedham and Elugardo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry, Nika C. Elugardo and others relative to assisting non-profit organizations to provide for COVID-19 unemployment benefits.

COVID-19,—
unemployment
benefits.

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

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 joint petition of Jeffrey N. Roy and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to protect elections. 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 Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Elections,—
protections.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 122, a Bill to establish universal screening for adverse childhood experiences (House, No. 4679). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee to Health Care Financing.

Children,—
universal
screenings.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to neighborhood stabilization and economic development (printed as Senate, No. 1627). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Neighborhood
stabilization.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to family day care disclosures (House, No. 98). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Family
day care.

Recess.

At eight minutes after ten o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the temporary emergency House Rules (House, No. 4676), was considered.

Emergency
House Rules.
Quorum.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment offered, at the preceding sitting, by Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Vieira of Falmouth, 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.

A quorum not being in attendance, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), at half past three o'clock P.M., under the provisions of Rule 82, declared an adjournment of the House until the Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.