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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Wagner of Chicopee 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. Wagner), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker, under the provisions of House Rule 8, announced that he made the following appointments:—

That Messrs. Linsky of Natick and Moran of Boston had been appointed monitors of the First Division;

Monitors of the House.

That Representatives Ferguson on Holden and Vieira of Falmouth had been appointed monitors of the Second Division;

That Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Hogan of Stow had appointed monitors of the Third Division; and

That Representatives Cusack of Braintree and Peake of Provincetown had been appointed monitors of the Fourth Division.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Gianluca Nunzio DeMartinis, Jr., on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Gianluca DeMartinis.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester) 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Monday, June 1, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 200, 204, 205, 208, 209, 210, 211, 216, 218 and 2193, and House documents numbered 364, 369, 370, 374, 382, 383, 384, 385, 393 and 3699.

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4685), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of

Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Monday, June 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 102, 111, 576, 611, 625 and 655, and House documents numbered 943, 944, 956, 966, 975, 1013, 1041, 1045, 1055, 1061, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1073, 1087, 1104, 3805, 4044 and 4406.

Financial Services committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4686), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) 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 Service be granted until Friday, June 19, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4627 and 4631.

Public Service committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4684), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Parisella of Beverly, 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 Representatives Cronin of Easton and Santiago of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Claire D. Cronin, Jon Santiago and others relative to compensation for paramedics and emergency medical technicians providing ambulance services during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

COVID-19,— ambulance services.

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to lease a certain parcel of land to the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc.

Martha's Vineyard,— land.

By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to providing protection for municipal police and fire workers during the COVID-19 emergency.

COVID-19,— municipal workers.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carlos González and others relative to a micro-business stimulus package due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses.

COVID-19,— micro-business stimulus.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carlos González and others relative to internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

COVID-19,—
internet
access.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry, Nika C. Elugardo and others relative to assisting non-profit organizations to provide for COVID-19 unemployment benefits. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

COVID-19,—
unemployment
benefits.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Mindy Domb and others relative to COVID-19 data in state and county correctional facilities. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

COVID-19,—
jails, etc.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to create a commission to investigate the advertising practices of the solar energy industry (House, No. 2839),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Commission,—
solar energy
advertising.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Wagner of Chicopee) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at a quarter before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Wagner in the Chair.

Recess.

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:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Logan, an employee of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (House, No. 4655);

Jennifer
Logan.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Dyana Gonzalez, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (House, No. 4665); and

Dyana
Gonzalez.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Brown, an employee of [sic] Department of Children and Families (DCF) (House, No. 4678);

Jennifer
Brown.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4593, a Bill to facilitate the delay of the income tax filing deadline (House, No. 4677). Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading

Income taxes,—
filing
deadline.

Orders of the Day.

The House Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the temporary emergency House Rules (House, No. 4676), was considered, the main question being on adoption of the order.

Emergency House Rules.

The amendment, offered by Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Vieira of Falmouth, on Wednesday, April 29, was withdrawn, at the request of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Galvin of Canton then moved to amend the order by striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4690; and the amendment was adopted.

The order (House, No. 4676, amended) then was adopted.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Hopkinton to remove certain land from a conservation restriction (House, No. 4319);

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4334) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4475);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Brantley, an employee of Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4653);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Ocasio, an employee of Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4654); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Amanda Caruso, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4657) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marta Romero, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4632) (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.

Marta Romero,—
sick leave.

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. 4691), which was read.

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

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.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Next sitting.

At one minute after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Wagner of Chicopee being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.