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Thursday, May 7 2020.

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).

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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton and other members of the House) celebrating North American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day; and

Occupational  
Health and  
Safety.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Kay Doyle on her service to the Commonwealth;

Kay  
Doyle.

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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler, Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to zoning for flood insurance rate maps by cities and towns.

Flood  
insurance,—  
rate maps.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day and others relative to restaurant delivery commissions during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Restaurant  
delivery  
commissions.

By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others for legislation to establish a COVID-19 essential worker burial assistance fund.

COVID-19,—  
burial funds.

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees.

COVID-19,—  
retirement.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to designate a certain bridge on state highway Route 137 in the town of Harwich as the hidden wounds memorial bridge.

Harwich,—  
bridge.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr for legislation to authorize the Nauset Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements.

Nauset  
school  
district.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill relative to municipal governance during the COVID-19 emergency (Senate, No. 2680) (on Senate bill No. 2673), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

COVID-19,—  
municipalities.

A petition of Walter F. Timilty and William C. Galvin for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Demetrios Promousas, came from the Senate referred, under the suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Demetrios  
Promousas,—  
retirement.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2694) 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 Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to providing protection for municipal police and fire workers during the COVID-19 emergency. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

COVID-19,—  
municipal  
workers.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Public Service.

COVID-19,—  
ambulance  
services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Martha's  
Vineyard,—  
land.

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

The Senate Bill requiring the city of Lowell to transfer certain parcels of land between the park department and the school department (Senate, No. 2636) [Local Approval Received]; and

Lowell,—  
land.

House bills

Relative to the Revere & Son Heritage Trust Corporation (House, No. 4442) [Local Approval Received];

Canton,—  
trust.

Authorizing the town of Hadley to convey certain a certain parcel of land dedicated for park purposes (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hadley,—  
land.

Authorizing the city of Woburn to use certain land for fire station purposes (House, No. 4636) [Local Approval Received];

Woburn,—  
land.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 225, a Bill authorizing the town of Plainville to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4692) [Local Approval Received].

Plainville,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3870, a Bill authorizing the town of Maynard to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 4693) [Local Approval Received].

Maynard,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 919, a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4694).

Debt  
collection.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4633, a Bill authorizing the town of Saugus to employ Kevin Nichols, an employee of the Saugus Police Department, beyond the retirement age (House, No. 4695) [Local Approval Received].

Saugus,—  
Kevin  
Nichols.

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

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill authorizing the city council of the city of Somerville to appoint a clerk of committees and assistant clerks of committees (Senate, No. 2307), 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.

#### Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at three minutes before one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

#### *Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill designating a certain playground in the city of Chelsea as the Jack W. Fraser Memorial Playground (see House, No. 4015), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Chelsea,—  
playground.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill to facilitate the delay of the income tax filing deadline (see House, No. 4677), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Income  
taxes,—  
filing delay.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city council of the city of Somerville to appoint a clerk of committees and assistant clerks of committees (see Senate, No. 2307) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing David Mottor to purchase creditable service from the contributory retirement board of the city of Easthampton (see House, No. 4205); and

Designating a foot bridge in Lynn Heritage State Park in the city of Lynn as the Gold Star families bridge (see House, No. 4478);

(Which severally 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.