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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).

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.

Order.

The following order (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) 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 Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until Wednesday, July 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 1697, 1699, 1709, 1716, 1724, 1733, 1734, 1736, 1745 and 1748.

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4712), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, 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 Representative Carey of Easthampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4714) of Daniel R. Carey and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Hadley be authorized to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land in said town to Kestrel Land Trust. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Hadley,—
land.

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4715) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., (by vote of the town) that the town of Boylston be authorized to continue the employment of police chief Anthony Sahagian, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Boylston,—
Anthony
Sahagian.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Capano of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter Capano and others relative to manufacturing and factory worker protection from the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
factory
workers.

By Messrs. Gordon of Bedford and Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon, David M. Rogers and others for legislation to create a presumption of relatedness for essential workers suffering from COVID-19.

COVID-19,—
essential
workers.

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to certain financial obligations and forbearance for the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19,—
financial
obligations.

By Messrs. Lawn of Watertown and Moran of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Lawn, Jr., Michael J. Moran and others relative to safety and participation in the 2020 state elections in response to COVID-19.

COVID-19,—
state
elections.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry, Michael F. Rush and others relative to quorum requirements for open town meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Town
meetings,—
quorum.

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

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Bill financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4708) [for order, see House, No. 4711]. The order was adopted.

Information
technology
bond.

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

Saugus,—
Kevin Nichols.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4694), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Debt
collection.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill exempting all positions in the city known as the town of Franklin's fire department from the civil service law (House, No. 4411) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired).

Franklin,—
civil service.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading

Report of the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4634) of Liz Miranda and others relative to financial assistance, health care access and small business grants in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

COVID-19,—
financial
response.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 4625, a Bill relative to COVID-19 emergency unemployment insurance expansion (House, No. 4713).

Emergency
unemployment.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to protect pets in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1773) [Representatives Hecht of Watertown and DuBois of Brockton dissenting].

Pet
protection.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2366), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Boxford,—
liquor
licenses.

Mr. Speliotis of Danvers then moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4716. The amendment was adopted.

The bill, as amended, then was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. The bill (Senate, No. 2366, amended) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

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.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.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.