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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.

Petitions.

Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose and Senator Lewis presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4725) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Melrose be authorized to convert up to three licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises to licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Melrose,—
liquor
license.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Gouveia of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tami L. Gouveia and others relative to the safety, accessibility, and fairness of elections.

Elections.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kate Hogan for legislation to expand access to patio dining.

Patio
dining.

By Messrs. Lawn of Watertown and Stanley of Waltham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Thomas M. Stanley that the University of Massachusetts be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham.

UMass,—
land.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Paul R. Feeney for legislation for safe, healthy and inclusive elections, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Election Laws.

Elections.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2709) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

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 John J. Lawn, Jr., Michael J. Moran and others relative to safety and participation in the 2020 state elections in response to COVID-19. To the committee on Election Laws.

COVID-19,—
state
elections.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to certain financial obligations and forbearance for the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak. To the committee on Financial Services.

COVID-19,—
financial
obligations.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter Capano and others relative to manufacturing and factory worker protection from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

COVID-19,—
factories.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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.

Severally to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry, Michael F. Rush and others relative to quorum requirements for open town meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Town
meetings,—
quorum.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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 that House Bill authorizing the town of Plainville to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4692) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Plainville,—
liquor
licenses.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Webster to make permanent improvements to private ways and assess betterments therefor (House, No. 4422) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Webster,—
private
ways.

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 Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 1712, a Bill relative to preventing overdose deaths and increasing access to treatment (House, No. 4723) [Representatives Scaccia of Boston, Whipps of Athol, Crocker of Barnstable and Sullivan of Abington dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Overdoses,—
prevention.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4706, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of [sic] Department of Correction (House, No. 4724). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rebecca
Stratford,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, recommending that the communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the

Division
of Energy
Resources,—

provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting regulations to 225 CMR 21, Clean Peak Energy Portfolio Standard (CPS) (House, No. 4581), be placed on file. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

regulations.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jessica Zamansky, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Senate, No. 2603), 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.

Jessica Zamansky,—
sick leave.

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.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Authorizing the city of Gloucester to designate certain property for conservation and recreation purposes (Senate, No. 2330); and

Third reading bills.

Requiring the city of Lowell to transfer certain parcels of land between the park department and the school department (Senate, No. 2636);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Woburn as the Vietnam Veterans memorial bridge (House, No. 4206), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

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 sixteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.