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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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Loving God, we pray for our legislators and their staff as they continue to create fair and just legislation for our Commonwealth. We pray also for the safety and welfare of our many visitors during the summer season.

Prayer.

We continue to be grateful for the many men and women of Massachusetts who sacrificed their lives for the cause of liberty.

God of Freedom and Truth, we give thanks especially today as we remember that it was on this day in 1863 that the 54th Regiment left Boston with fanfare on its way to Beaufort, South Carolina to engage in the battles of the Civil War.

The 54th was a voluntary regiment of African American enlisted men led by Robert Gould Shaw. Abolitionists and the free black community in Boston led the effort to recruit over 1,000 soldiers from Massachusetts and other states, including some located in the Confederacy.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests 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. Mariano of Quincy) to reaffirm friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan, enhance bilateral relations as we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) and support Taiwan in the international community; and

Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Capano of Lynn) congratulating the town of Nahant on the two hundredth year anniversary of the Nahant Public Library;

Nahant,—
library.

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. O'Day of West Boylston, 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 Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3817) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to continue the employment of Maurice Bateman, a firefighter/EMT of the fire department of said town; and

Lancaster,—
Maurice
Bateman.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3818) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to continue the employment of Kevin Lamb as deputy chief of the fire department of said town;

Lancaster,—
Kevin
Lamb.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Golden of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation to provide for a program of climate change resiliency for cities and towns in the Commonwealth; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Climate
change.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Keely O’Gorman relative to the use and distribution of single-use plastic straws.

Single use
straws.

By Representative Wagner of Chicopee and Senator Welch, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph F. Wagner and James T. Welch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Debra Messier, an employee of the Department of Revenue.

Debra
Messier,—
sick leave.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2222) of Mark C. Montigny (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of New Bedford to enter into a long-term lease for the operation of a performing arts center, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

New Bedford,—
arts center.

Report 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 petition of Christopher M. Markey and Paul A. Schmid, III (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) relative to the operation of a certain Commonwealth charter school in the city of New Bedford, and it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on suspension of Joint Rule 12.

New Bedford,—
charter school.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.