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Met at six minutes after 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. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Javier Matayabas on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Javier
Matayabas.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Christian Rex Schrader on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Christian
Schrader.

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. Stanley, 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 Mr. Naughton of Clinton) 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 Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Wednesday, July 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 3573 and 4611.

Public Safety
and Homeland
Security
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4763), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) 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 Transportation be granted until Thursday, July 2, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 7, 2034, 2047, 2049, 2056, 2069, 2071, 2072, 2123, 2137, 2289 and 2536, and House documents numbered 2963, 3040, 3073, 3083, 3116, 3126, 3135, 3156, 3672, 3980, 4359 and 4701.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4764), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until June 30, 2020, within which time to make its final report on all matters referred to them, relative to consumer protection and professional licensure continued extension order.

Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure,— extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the order (Senate, No. 2706) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be granted until July 15, 2020, within which time to make its final report on certain current Senate documents numbered 1144, 1145, 1152, 1153, 1154 and 1160, relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the order (Senate, No. 2707) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until July 1, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2658, relative to public safety.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the order (Senate, No. 2715) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2730) of Paul R. Feeney, Elizabeth A. Poirier, Bruce E. Tarr, Kimberly N. Ferguson and other members of the General Court for legislation to address challenges faced by restaurants and other establishments due to COVID-19. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

COVID-19,— restaurants.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2731) of Mark C. Montigny, Lori A. Ehrlich, Smitty Pignatelli, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to prevent COVID-19 deaths in senior living facilities. To the committee on Elder Affairs.

COVID-19,— senior living facilities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2732) of Marc R. Pacheco, Paul R. Feeney, Brendan P. Crighton, Diana DiZoglio and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to a COVID-19 presumption for public employees. To the committee on Public Service.

COVID-19,—
presumption
for public
employees.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, Nos. 2653, 2654 and 2709 and House, Nos. 4699, 4721 and 4737, a Bill relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 (House, No. 4762). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

COVID-19,—
voting
options.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston (Senate No. 1483), 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.

House bills

Exempting all positions in the city known as the town of Franklin's fire department from the civil service law (House, No. 4411); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of Department of Correction (House, No. 4741) (its title have 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 report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4197) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town, was considered.

Groton,—
liquor
licenses.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy.

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-five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session

