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Tuesday, June 2, 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, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester) 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Wednesday, July 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 200, 204, 205, 208, 209, 210, 211, 216, 218 and 2193, and House documents numbered 364, 369, 370, 374, 382, 383, 384, 385, 389, 393, 3699, 4070 and 4529.

Economic
Development
and Emerging
Technologies,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4765), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Hay of Fitchburg) 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 Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Tuesday, October 27, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1045, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1082, 1102, 1107 and 1110, and House documents numbered 1605, 1610, 1617, 1681, 3809, 4563, 4564, 4565 and 4567.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4766), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, 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 Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to the waiver of interest accrued on meals taxes related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
meals tax.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize outdoor alcohol service for certain licensees for the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol,—
outdoor
service.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize the distribution of tips to certain restaurant employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—
tips.

By Messrs. Rogers of Cambridge and Livingstone of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers, Jay D. Livingstone and others relative to protections for vulnerable employees during public health or safety emergencies.

Vulnerable
employees,—
protection.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House amendment of the Senate Bill relative to municipal governance during the COVID-19 emergency (Senate, No. 2680), came from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate had concurred with the House in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2733. The further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

COVID-19,—
municipal
governance.

The House Bill authorizing the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Brian Benson, a police officer of the city of Salem (House, No. 4621), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 13, inserting after the word “non-taxable” the words “to the extent allowable under state and federal law”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Salem,—
Brian
Benson.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston (see Senate, No.1483) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Recess.

At five 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 two minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to neighborhood stabilization and economic development (Senate, No.

Neighborhoods.

1627),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 (House, No. 4762), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4768). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Voting options.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4354, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4767). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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.; 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 five minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.