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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students from the student council at the Martin Middle School in Taunton. The students were accompanied by teachers and advisors Dave Gonsalves and Thomas Mills. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representatives O'Connell of Taunton, Haddad of Somerset and Orrall of Lakeville.

Taunton,—
Martin Middle
School.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Jones of North Reading and Haggerty of Woburn) commending the town of Reading on the celebration of its three hundred seventy-fifth anniversary;

Reading,—
anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) congratulating Stephen Andrew Michals-Brown on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Stephen
Michals-Brown.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cronin of Easton, DuBois of Brockton and Cassidy of Brockton) commending Kathleen A. Smith, JD on the occasion of her retirement as superintendent of the Brockton Public Schools;

Kathleen
Smith.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Kurt Lindenthal on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Kurt
Lindenthal.

Resolutions (filed Ms. Keefe of Worcester) honoring Gene Zabinski for his dedicated service to the Canal and Green Island neighborhoods of Worcester; and

Gene
Zabinski.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) recognizing the honorable Beth Wittcoff on the occasion of her retirement;

Beth
Wittcoff.

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 Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, 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 Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3847) of Kate Hogan and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Hudson be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and

Hudson,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3848) of Kate Hogan and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Hudson be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Barrett of North Adams and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and Adam G. Hinds relative to apportionment of certain betterments by the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Lanesborough,—
fire and
water.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to validate the results of the annual town election held in the town of Heath on May 10, 2019 (Senate, No. 2234), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Heath,—
election.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That notwithstanding any Special Rules of the Joint Session, House Rule 12 or any other rules to the contrary, all amendments to the legislative Proposal for an amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars (see House, No. 86), shall be filed electronically prior to 5:00:01 P.M., on Friday, June 7, 2019 with the Clerk of the Joint Convention.

Millionaires
tax,—
special
procedures.

The Clerk of the Joint Convention shall further specify the procedure and format for filing all amendments, consistent with this order.

After amendments to the proposal are considered, the question shall be on agreeing to the amendment (House, No. 86).

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2232) of Bruce E. Tarr, Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Theodore C. Speliotis (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to polling places in the town of Middleton. To the committee on Election Laws.

Middleton,—
polling places.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2229) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Daniel R. Carey (with approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the home rule charter of the city of Easthampton; and

Easthampton,—
charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2230) of Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Cohasset;

Cohasset,—
investments.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam G. Hinds and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Peter Feron, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Peter
Feron,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2237) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Daniel M. Donahue and James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Purcell, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and

Susan
Purcell,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ronald Mariano and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanycha Bonilla, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

Tanycha
Bonilla,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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 the Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Renee Bennett, an employee of the Sex Offender Registry Board (House, No. 3797), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Renee
Bennett,—
sick leave.

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. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to support equal access to community care for elders and the disabled (House, No. 128). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Community
care,—
access.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill relative to mandated reporter reform (House, No. 137). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mandated
reporters.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maryanne Healey, an employee of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office (see House, No. 3689), 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.

Maryanne
Healey,—
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.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

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.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.