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Thursday, June 6, 2019.

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:

God of Deliverance and Strength, we remember that today marks the 75th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, the day that came to be called D-Day.

Nearly 160,000 troops from the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada crossed the English Channel on June 6th, 1944. On the first day alone, Allied casualties numbered over 10,000 with over 4,000 killed in action.

Altogether, World War II claimed the lives of just over 10,000 residents of Massachusetts.

God Who Never Forgets, we pause now for few moments in silent gratitude: first for those who gave their lives that day 75 years ago. We pray.

God of Peace, we also pray for the safety and welfare of all our sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters who currently serve overseas and at home in our Armed Forces and in other forms of national security. We pray.

God of Healing Power, we pray also for those who have served our country in past and present wars and conflicts who continue to be affected physically and/or mentally by their experiences. We pray.

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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the student council at the Pierce School in Brookline. The students were accompanied by their advisor Kate Sullivan. They were the guests of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, students from the Walton School in Wakefield. They were the guests of Mr. Wong of Saugus.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:
Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) honoring Sheryl Lawanda Goodloe on her retirement; and
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Nangle of Lowell and other members of the House) congratulating the Greater Lowell Veterans Council on its centennial celebration;
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. Vitolo of Brookline, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports.

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Of the Department of Energy Resources (under Section 21 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report on the study of the necessity, benefits and costs of requiring distribution companies, to jointly and competitively conduct additional offshore wind generation solicitations and procurements of up to approximately 1,600 megawatts of additional capacity; and
Of the Department of Fish and Game (under Section 8 of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report identifying best practices related to trapping and pest control, to include alternatives to drowning;
Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:
By Mr. Moran of Boston (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3858) of Andrea Campbell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the terms of office for city councillors in the city of Boston;
By the same member (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3859) of Andrea Campbell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to offer early voting in municipal elections; and
By the same member (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3860) of Andrea Campbell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to election procedures in the city of Boston;
Severally to the committee on Election Laws.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hunt of Sandwich presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Randy Hunt that a certain bridge in the town of Sandwich on state Route 6A be designated as the Commander Francis T. Williams and Sandwich veterans memorial bridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Blackstone to continue the employment of fire chief Michael Sweeney (Senate, No. 1517) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.
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 Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to the Commonwealth’s fire departments, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2241) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 joint petition of John Barrett, III and Adam G. Hinds relative to apportionment of certain betterments by the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the election of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District (towns of Adams and Cheshire) committee members (House, No. 634);

Granting the city of Somerville the authority to require the adoption of institutional master plans subject to the review and approval by the municipality (House, No. 3641) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the town of Yarmouth (House, No. 3680) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for the construction of improvements to Arsenal Park in the town of Watertown (House, No. 3814) [Local Approval Received]; and

Revising the charter for the city of Melrose (House, No. 3822) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks (House, No. 913). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.
By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1538 and House, Nos. 16 and 2200 and on a part of House, No. 15, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (House, No. 16).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to temporary registration plates (House, No. 3031).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to carriers of property by motor vehicle (House, No. 3145).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to duplicate license plates (House, No. 3151).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to truck inspections (House, No. 3178).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to continue employment of G. Edward Bradley (House, No. 3742) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 3816).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Debra Messier, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 3849).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Desjardins an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3850).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Framingham as the Deanna K. Richards memorial bridge (House, No. 3067).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3627).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Santos, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 3697) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Blackstone to continue the employment of Fire Chief Michael Sweeney (see Senate, No. 1517) (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.

Orders of the Day.
The House Bill relative to the membership of the conservation commission of the town of Holliston (House, No. 3642), 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.


At four minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.