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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:

God of Liberty, we pray for our elected officials and their staff in their efforts of collaboration during this legislative session. We give thanks today for the courage of our ancestors as we recall that it was on this day in 1775 the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown occurred.

Prayer.

In the intense two hour battle, the King's army suffered over 1,000 casualties while the colonists had less than half that number. While the Regulars captured the territory, the courage displayed by the armed colonists bolstered the cause of those who called for armed resistance. Boston remained under siege for the next nine months until the following March 17.

May the heroism of those who fought against injustice at that time, continue to inspire Massachusetts residents of today in our opposition to any who would deprive us of liberty.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3898), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, June 13.

Transportation bonds.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 17G, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating and recognizing Father David Anthony Costa for his dedication, commitment and service as the pastor of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Mark Parish in North Attleborough;

David Costa.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Jody Marchand of Westford on her selection as the 2019 Westford Unsung Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Jody
Marchand.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Pignatelli of Lee) congratulating Robert D. Montgomery on the occasion of his retirement; and

Robert
Montgomery.

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

Matthew
Schultz.

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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cutler of Duxbury and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3902) of Josh S. Cutler, Patrick M. O'Connor and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) relative to expanding the board of selectmen in the town of Duxbury; and

Duxbury,—
selectmen.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner and Senator Gobi, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3903) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Winchendon;

Winchendon,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Karen Phillips, an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

Karen
Phillips,—
sick leave.

By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nicole Reidy, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Nicole
Reidy,—
sick leave.

By Representative Hill of Ipswich and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradford Hill and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Kitchen-Taraska, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Michelle
Kitchen-
Taraska,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Beth Baldwin, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset and Management Maintenance.

Beth
Baldwin,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia and others relative to retirement for disability or death caused by certain conditions of cancer to certain explosive device canine handlers and bomb technicians.

Bomb
technicians,—
retirement.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to require performance bonds prior to the demolition, renovation, rehabilitation or other alterations of buildings or other structures.

Demolition,—
performance
bonds.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill modifying certain titles and providing for the appointment of certain positions by the town administrator of the town of Newbury (Senate, No. 2252) (on Senate, bill No. 1201) [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.

Newbury,—
appointments.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2257) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Alan Silvia, Paul A. Schmid, III and Carole A. Fiola (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize employees of the city of Fall River the ability to apply with the Fall River Retirement Board to purchase credible service for military service, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Fall River,—
military
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 petition of Christopher Hendricks and Susannah M. Whipps relative to civil actions for unfair or deceptive practices. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Deceptive
practices,—
civil actions.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1685) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Ruth B. Balsler, Jason M. Lewis, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure affordable health connector coverage,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Health
connector,—
coverage.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District (House, No. 3863). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lanesborough,—
fire and water
district.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Renee Bennett, an employee of the Sex Offender Registry Board (see House, No. 3797), 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.

Renee
Bennett,—
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

Bill

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.

enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Bedford to release a portion of a certain conservation restriction (House, No. 3644);

Third reading bills.

Providing for the construction of improvements to Arsenal Park in the city known as the town of Watertown (House, No. 3814) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Revising the charter for the city of Melrose (House, No. 3822); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Susan Purcell, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3862) (its title having 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.

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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.