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Thursday, June 18, 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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

During the session the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and, at the request of Mr. Crocker of Barnstable, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Harold Tobey of Barnstable.

Harold
Tobey.

Harold Tobey was a 20th century trailblazer in the Town of Barnstable. He became the first African-American police officer in the town in 1965 and served on the force for 17 years. Following his law enforcement career, he served as the security officer for the Hyannis Public Library and would always strike up a conversation with anyone who stopped by. Tobey was a member of the Barnstable Town Council from 1989 to 2009 and was the first African-American elected to the Council's presidency, serving in that position from 1995 to 1996.

Tobey was a founding member and former president of the Zion (ZIGH-on) Union Heritage Museum and served on the Mashpee Wampanoag (wamp-a-No-ag) Tribal Court. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Community Action Committee of the Cape and Islands. Tobey was an active member of the Cape and Islands Chapter of the NAACP.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to improving police officer standards and accountability and to improve training (House, No. 4794), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, June 17.

Police
officers,—
standards
and training.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4797) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Plymouth relative to appointments to the board of health of said town; and

Plymouth,—
board of
health.

the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill designating United States Cadet Nurse Corps Day (Senate, No. 2178, changed), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its amendment (adding the following section:

United States
Cadet Nurse
Corps Day.

“SECTION 2. The superintendent of the bureau of the state house shall, subject to the approval of the art commission of the state house as to size and content, install and maintain a plaque in a suitable space in Nurses Hall in the state house in honor of the Massachusetts members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.”) with a further amendment in section 2 (inserted by amendment by the House) adding the following sentence: “The Friends of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps WWII shall be responsible for the funding of the plaque.”. The Senate further amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Angelica Rodriguez, an employee of Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2672, amended in line 5 by inserting after the name: “Rodriguez”, the first time it appears, the words “to care for her child”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Angelica
Rodriguez,—
sick leave.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2771) of Joan B. Lovely and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to transfer employees of the North Shore Regional 911 Center to the State 911 Department. To the committee on Public Service.

North Shore
Regional 911
Center.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2770) of Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to authorize the lease of the former Lee Pool Complex located in the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,—
lease.

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 Rules 12 and 7A be suspended on the petition of William L. Crocker, Jr., and Timothy R. Whelan that Michael Cheung be authorized to purchase certain creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 7A were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Michael
Cheung,—
creditable
service.

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 Ronald Mariano and John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alexandra Jordankova, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the

Alexandra
Jordankova,—
sick leave.

petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill providing for the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Plymouth (see House, No. 4242) (which originated in the House), 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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the historic curatorship program in the town of Hamilton (House, No. 4193);

To amend the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 4329); and

Making the charter of the town of Sudbury gender neutral (House, No. 4388);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) congratulating the Union Congregational Church of North Reading, Inc. on its three hundredth anniversary; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester) honoring Jack Clarke for his twenty five years of service to the Massachusetts Audubon Society and dedication to the environment;

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. Vieira of Falmouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

North Reading,—
Union
Congregational.

Jack
Clarke.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Wednesday, July 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 102, 111, 611 and 655.

Financial Services committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4790), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Tuesday, December 29, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 943, 944, 966, 975, 1013, 1041, 1045, 1055, 1061, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1073, 1104, 4044 and 4406.

Financial Services committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4791), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) 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 Revenue be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2659, and House documents numbered 4634, 4726, 4727, 4728 and 4760.

Revenue committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4792), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) 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 Revenue be granted until Friday, July 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2563, and House documents numbered 4514, 4516 and 4773.

Revenue committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4793), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 (House, No. 4778), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2764.

COVID-19,— voting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate

Committee of conference.

in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Lawn, Moran of Boston and Hill of Ipswich were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Finegold, Creem and Fattman had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

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.

Next sitting.

Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop and Representative Ryan of Boston then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Gerard F. Doherty, a member of the House from Boston from 1957 to 1964, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at six minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.