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Thursday, June 20, 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 Reliable Hope and Strength, we ask Your blessing upon the members of our Legislature and their staff.

Prayer.

God, Source of All Life, we give thanks today for the rich heritage we Massachusetts residents enjoy. Today marks the anniversary of the 1793 incorporation of Hamilton, an Essex County town.

Named after Alexander Hamilton, the town early on attracted some of the area's wealthier families for its resemblance to the pastoral landscapes of England. Today, Hamilton is appreciated for its historical houses and country roads lined with large trees and old stone walls. Hamilton is the site for various equestrian events including hunts and polo matches.

We pray for Fourth Essex Representative Brad Hill and his staff.

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 submitting requests for making certain appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 3910), was filed this day in the office of the Clerk.

State funds,—
emergency
expenditures.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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 House Chamber, the under 14 national youth cheer champion cheerleaders from Mansfield and their coaches. At the invitation of the Chair, they participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield.

Mansfield,—
cheerleaders.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Messrs. Rogers of Norwood, Kafka of Stoughton, Dooley of Norfolk and McMurtry of Dedham) commending Dr. Lincoln

Lincoln
Lynch.

D. Lynch III on his retirement after a thirty-two year career in education, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Whelan of Brewster) commending Paul McCormick for his distinguished service to the town of Dennis, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Paul
McCormick.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (see Executive Office for Administration and Finance Administrative Bulletin #6) providing notice of a motion to amend 505 CMR 4.03, Fee Assessed for Cremation or Burial at Sea Views;

Chief
Medical
Examiner.

From the Restoration Center Commission (see Section 225 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report on its year one activities, findings and recommendations to plan and implement a county restoration center program to divert persons suffering from mental illness or substance use disorder; and

Restoration
Center
Commission.

From the Secretary of Public Safety and Security (see item 8000-0600 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting the 2018 Gun Crime Recovery Report regarding the effectiveness of current reporting mechanisms for lost and stolen guns and firearm purchase and sales patterns as they relate to firearms traced to crime and other categories and data identified in said law;

Gun crime,—
recovery
report.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

The monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through May 2019, was placed on file.

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Adam G. Hinds and John Barrett, III for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Christine Smith, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Christine
Smith,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Williams of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kiera C. McNamara, an employee of the Trial Court.

Kiera
McNamara,—
sick leave.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Joan B. Lovely and James J. O'Day for legislation relative to the well-being of new mothers and infants, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Defendants,—
mental illness
treatment.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2274) 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 petition of Timothy R. Whelan, Randy Hunt and others relative to the penalties for failure to load vehicles to prevent dropping on public ways. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Vehicles,—
littering.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to Hanson town elections (House, No. 641) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Hanson,—
elections.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Parisella of Beverly, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kyle Minnicucci, an employee of the Massachusetts State Police (House, No. 3901), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Kyle
Minnicucci,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian S. Bibeau, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 2376, amended), 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.

Brian
Bibeau,—
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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carrie Peters, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 3740), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,

Carrie
Peters,—
sick leave.

was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

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Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Antoinette Rodney, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3744), 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.

Antoinette
Rodney,—
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.

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enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a certain unpaid bill (House, No. 1795), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 1818), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Provincetown,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out sections 92 and 93 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 92. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1818, amended) 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.

Next
sitting.

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.

