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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Domb of Amherst) commending the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts, Inc. on its observance of the eighty-fifth birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Dalai
Lama.

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

Petition.

Representative Hill of Ipswich and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradford Hill and Joan B. Lovely for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria Boverini, an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Maria
Boverini,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4803), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following section:

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

“SECTION 5. Section 3 shall take effect as of June 30, 2020.”.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill transferring employees of the North Shore Regional 911 Center to the State 911 Department (Senate, No. 2793) (on Senate bill No. 2792), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

911 employees.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, 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 Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2779) of James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conveyance by easement and change of use of conservation land in the town of Harvard, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Harvard,—land.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of William Coulter (House, No. 4573).

Mary Coulter-Bennett,—benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing certain state employees sick leave for COVID-19 related absences (House, No. 4627).

COVID-19,—sick leaves.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill establishing a COVID-19 nonprofit cultural organizations emergency relief fund (House, No. 4755).

COVID-19,—nonprofit relief fund.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the hidden wounds memorial bridge (House, No. 4761). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Harwich,—bridge.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Angelica Rodriguez, an employee of Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2672, amended), 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.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Arlington to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4477); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No, 4805);

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.

The House Bill exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (House, No. 4330), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Northampton,—
appointments.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by adding the following section:

“SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4330, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes after one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) 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 Election Laws be granted until Thursday, December 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 389, 396, 404, 408, 414 and 2471, and House documents numbered 635, 636, 639, 646, 685, 715, 719, 720, 3921, 4161, 4623 and 4660.

Election Laws,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4807), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4354, reported, in part, a Bill extending simulcasting and horse racing authorization (House, No. 4817). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Horse
racing and
simulcasting.

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. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to reduce racial disparities in maternal health (House, No. 4448), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill to reduce racial inequities in maternal health (House, No. 4818). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Maternal health,—inequities.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the city of Lowell (House, No. 2749), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4819). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lowell,—land.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Report of the committee on Election Laws, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4698) of Josh S. Cutler relative to notification of changing polling locations during a state of emergency.

Voting,—polling places.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill designating United States Cadet Nurse Corps Day (see Senate, No. 2178, changed and 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.

Cadet Nurse Corps Day.

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 5 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 Senate) 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 Angelica Rodriguez, an employee of Department of Children and Families (see Senate, No. 2672), 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.

Angelica Rodriguez,—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 5 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4803, 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.

Municipal roads and bridges.

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 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill designating certain areas of the World War II Memorial in the city of Boston as the Edward J. Morrissey, John J. Mullen and Joseph P. Murphy Memorial (see House No. 4194) (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.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed bills

Relative to the Board of Park Commissioners of the town of Dunstable (see Senate, No. 1193);

Bills enacted.

To preserve the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey (see Senate, No. 2328, amended); (Which severally originated in the Senate);

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4117, amended);

Exempting all positions in the city known as the town of Franklin's fire department from the civil service law (see House, No. 4411); and

Authorizing the town of Boylston to continue the employment of police chief Anthony Sahagian (see House, No. 4715, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Recess.

At ten minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-four minutes before four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill extending simulcasting and horse racing authorization (see House, No. 4817), 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.

Simulcasting
and horse
racing.

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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Next
sitting.

At five minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.