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Thursday, July 2, 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.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Harry G. Uhlman, Jr., of South Boston.

Harry G.
Uhlman, Jr.

Mr. Uhlman honorably served his country with the United States Army and was a member of the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561 in South Boston.

Mr. Uhlman was a dedicated public servant and served as the Chief Court Officer at Suffolk Superior Court.

A devoted neighborhood advocate, Mr. Uhlman spent his life supporting the South Boston community, and was especially dedicated to programs that served children and young adults with mental and physical disabilities.

He was the loving son of Harry and Martha (Kamppila) Uhlman. The beloved husband of late Ellen Connolly and Kathleen O'Malley. Brother to the late Patricia Saganey, Joseph Uhlman, and Mary Keohan. He is survived by his children, Joseph of Hull and Kathleen Demeo and many loving nieces and nephews.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Hay of Fitchburg) 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 Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Thursday, July 30, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2701 and House document numbered 4700.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4831), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Mr. Vega of Holyoke presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4832) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the designation of certain park or open space land in the city of Holyoke; and the same

Holyoke,—
land.

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

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to further regulating the inclusion of federal gross income in the calculation of the taxation of corporations and to create progressive revenue.

Corporations,—
taxation.

By Representative Cassidy of Brockton and Senator Brady, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gerard J. Cassidy and Michael D. Brady that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer certain real property located in the city of Brockton.

Brockton,—
land.

By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan, Paul R. Feeney and others relative to consumer protections during states of emergency.

Emergencies,—
consumer
protections.

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler relative to the apportionment of expenses under regional school district agreements.

Regional
schools.

By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Higgins and others that the Department of Higher Education create a grant program for essential workers enrolled at certain public institutions.

Colleges,—
essential
workers.

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

Reports of Committees.

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:

Providing for the city of Lowell municipal elections (House, No. 4350) [Local Approval Received];

Lowell,—
elections.

Relative to the transfer of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 4389) [Local Approval Received];

Sharon,—
land.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul McBrien, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4795);

Paul
McBrien.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Alexandra Jordankova, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4816);

Alexandra
Jordankova.

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

A report of the committee on the Judiciary, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4744) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to provide liability protections for contractors, sub-contractors and unions during the COVID-19 pandemic, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton.

Contractors,
sub-contractors
and unions,—
COVID-19
protections.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on further motion of the same member.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to create a Massachusetts rare disease advisory

Rare disease
council.

council (House, No. 4268), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4562, a Bill providing certain retirement benefits for Thomas W. Devlin, a trooper of the Department of State Police (House, No. 4825). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Thomas
Devlin,—
benefits.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4049, a Bill to create a Boston Fire Department cadet program (House, No. 4824) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Boston,—
fire cadets.

By Mr. Parisella, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1565 and House, No. 4776, a Bill providing survivor benefits to Ava Roy, the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy (House, No. 4826) [Local Approval Received].

Ava Roy,—
benefits.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill transferring employees of the North Shore Regional 911 Center to the State 911 Department (see Senate, No. 2793), 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.

911 Center
employees.

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 4 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 relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 (see House, No. 4820), 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.

COVID-19,—
voting.

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 2 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Brian Benson, a police officer of the city of Salem (House, No. 4621), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Salem,—
Brian
Benson.

The House Bill relative to the Revere & Son Heritage Trust Corporation (House, No. 4442), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Revere & Son
Heritage Trust
Corporation.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4834), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hadley to convey a conservation restriction on certain parcels of land (House, No. 4714), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hadley,—
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4833), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At eight 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 nineteen minutes after two o'clock the House was called to order with the Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Brian Benson, a police officer of the city of Salem (see House, No. 4621, amended) (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.

Recess.

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

Recess.

Orders.

An Order (filed this day by Representatives DeLeo of Winthrop and Campbell of Methuen) relative to the establishment of a joint oversight committee to make an investigation and study of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke COVID-19 outbreak, was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Holyoke
Soldiers'
Home,—
oversight.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, then reported that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, the order (House, No. 4835) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 after 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.