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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester.

A statement of Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that my being recorded as not voting on acceptance of a conference committee report on House, No. 4820 on the sitting of last Tuesday was due to difficulty with both cellular and Wi-Fi reception that day. I was informed by the monitor that under the emergency rules late voting was not permitted.

Statement of
Mr. LeBoeuf
of Worcester.

If I had been permitted to vote late, as is permitted under the standing rules of the House, I would have voted yes on roll call number 191 on acceptance of House, No. 4820. My missing of this roll call that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) 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 Transportation be granted until Thursday, July 20, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2034, 2047, 2049, 2056, 2069, 2071, 2072, 2123, 2289, and 2536, and House documents numbered 2963, 3014, 3040, 3073, 3083, 3116, 3126, 3135, 3156, 3672, 3980, 4359 and 4701.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4838), ought to be adopted.

There being no objection, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Mr. Hunt of Sandwich presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4839) of Randy Hunt and others (by vote of the town) that the city known as the town of Barnstable be authorized to grant an easement to Eversource Energy; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Barnstable,—
easement.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carissa Sinclair, an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

Carissa
Sinclair,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day relative to liability protections for essential businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Business
protections.

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

Reports of Committees.

Report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4769) of Michelle L. Ciccolo, Tommy Vitolo and others relative to authorizing remote participation at representative town meetings due to the COVID-19 emergency.

COVID-19,—
town meetings.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 4192, a Bill relative to military family support and unemployment transformation (House, No. 4840). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Military
families,—
unemployment
assistance.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land in said city for combined sewer overflow control purposes (House, No. 4362), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Lynn,—
land.

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

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.

Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.