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Tuesday, July 7, 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.

Petition.

Mr. Lewis of Framingham presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4842) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Maria Duaime Robinson (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to authorizing the city of Framingham to erect a permanent pavilion exceeding 600 square feet in Mary Dennison Park in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Framingham,—
pavilion.

Paper from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to improve the governance of the soldiers' homes (Senate, No. 2788), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Soldiers'
homes,—
governance.

Reports of Committees.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Plainfield to continue the employment of Fire Chief David Alvord (House, No. 4254) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Plainfield,—
David
Alvord.

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

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 4759, a Bill authorizing the University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham (House, No. 4827).

Waltham,—
UMass land.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 4295, a Bill prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles (House, No. 4828).

Hairstyles,—
discrimination.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4238, a Bill to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary (House, No. 4829).

Judiciary,—
technology.

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 4758, a Bill authorizing the Nauset Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements (House, No. 4830). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Nauset Regional
School District.

Recess.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.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 two minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Order (House, No. 4618) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 1, 2020, the time within which the committee on Elder Affairs is authorized to report on current Senate documents numbered 352, 358, 376, 381 and 2376, and House documents numbered 601, 605, 609, 610, 611, 618, 630 and 3830, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with amendments striking out the date: "Wednesday, July 1" and inserting in place thereof the date: "Saturday, August 15"; and striking out the following: "and 2376" and inserting in place thereof the following: "2376 and 2731".

Elder Affairs
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendments were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to DCF legislative reporting reform (House, No. 4163), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to accountability for vulnerable children and families (House, No. 4841). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Children and
families,—
accountability.

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 Ms. Garlick of Needham, 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Thursday next 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 after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M.