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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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Christopher M. Blanchard on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Christopher
Blanchard.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Henry J. Ciaccio on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Henry
Ciaccio.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Lucas Jindra on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Lucas
Jindra.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating William A. Martin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William
Martin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Henry A. Mulholland on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Henry
Mulholland.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Adam Sienkiewicz on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Adam
Sienkiewicz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Declan James Fields on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Declan
Fields.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Nathan Michael Kerns on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Nathan
Kerns.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Michael James Newton on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Michael
Newton.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to reform police standards and shift resources to build a more equitable, fair and just Commonwealth that values Black lives and communities of color (Senate, No. 2820) (on Senate bill No. 2800, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Police,—
reforms.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2811) of Michael D. Brady (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize certain investments by the treasurer of the town of East Bridgewater, was referred, in concurrence, to the Municipalities and Regional Government.

East
Bridgewater,—
treasurer.

A petition of Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to address estate recovery issues due to COVID-19, came the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

COVID-19,—
estate issues.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2818) 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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Josh S. Cutler relative to the apportionment of expenses under regional school district agreements. To the committee on Education.

Regional school
districts.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David Rosa relative to housing developments in communities with a population less than 30,000 persons. To the committee on Housing.

Housing
developments.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 survivor benefits to Ava Roy, the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy (House, No. 4826) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ava Roy,—
benefits.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Boverini, an employee of the Essex County Juvenile Court (House, No. 4837);

Maria Boverini,—
sick leave.

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

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill relative to the rural policy advisory commission (House, No. 364).

Rural policy
advisory
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a 5G technology task force (House, No. 383).

5G technology,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a loan forgiveness task force (House, No. 384).

Loan releases,—
study.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4529, a Bill enabling partnerships for

Economic
development
and jobs.

growth (House, No. 4854). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

By Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on a petition, a Bill to strategically plan for the commercial fishing industry (House, No. 369).

Commercial fishing industry.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to designated port areas (House, No. 370).

Designated port areas.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of slot machines in veterans' organizations for its members and invited guests (House, No. 389).

Veterans' clubs,—slot games.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an entrepreneur learner's permit program (House, No. 393).

Business teaching.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to innovations in energy management technologies in regenerative braking for metro trains in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3699).

Metro trains,—technologies.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to construction defect claims by condominium owners (House, No. 4605), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Plainfield to continue the employment of Fire Chief David Alvord (House, No. 4254), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Plainfield,—David Alvord.

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. 4855), 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. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to authorize certain COVID-19 spending in anticipation of federal reimbursement (see House, No. 4808, 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.

Supplemental appropriations.

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.

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 twenty-seven minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.