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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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Soter of Bellingham) recognizing August 1 through August 7, 2020 as Purple Heart Week in the city of Uxbridge, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Uxbridge,—
Purple Heart
Week.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Parisella of Beverly and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4863) of Jerald A. Parisella and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Beverly be authorized to lease a certain parcel of land in said city currently held by the Beverly Harbor Management Authority for park and recreational purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Beverly,—
land.

By Representatives Robinson of Framingham and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4864) of Maria Duaine Robinson, Jack Patrick Lewis and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt the police department of the city of Framingham from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Framingham,—
civil service.

By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4867) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (by vote of the town) that the town of Leicester be authorized to designate a certain bridge in said town as the John J. Binienda memorial bridge; and

Leicester,—
Binienda
bridge.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4868) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf (by vote of the town) that the town of Leicester designate a certain bridge in said town as the Private First-Class Eugene Joseph Paranteau memorial bridge;

Leicester,—
Paranteau
bridge.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Northampton to said city.

Northampton,—
land.

By Representative Sena of Acton and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danilo A. Sena, James B. Eldridge and others for legislation to authorize the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to establish a works progress to employ certain unemployed residents.

Unemployed
residents,—
work program.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2826) of Joan B. Lovely and Bradford Hill (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the reorganization of the water, highway and park/cemetery departments and commissioners in the town of Topsfield; and

Topsfield,—
reorganization.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2827) of Bruce E. Tarr and Lenny Mirra (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the Newbury general by-laws from board of selectmen to select board;

Newbury,—
by-laws.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2831) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Sal N. DiDomenico, Jason M. Lewis, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to guarantee housing stability during the COVID-19 emergency and recovery. To the committee on Housing.

COVID-19,—
housing
stability.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2832) of James B. Eldridge and Danilo A. Sena for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Works
program,—
unemployed.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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; and

Carissa
Sinclair,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Carlos González and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Miguel Rivera, an employee of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department;

Miguel
Rivera,—
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate 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), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4860; by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Police reform.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.”; and

By striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act relative to justice, equity and accountability in law enforcement in the Commonwealth.”.

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2820, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C) an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the Senate 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) [for order, see House, No. 4861]. The order was considered.

Police reform.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Jones of North Reading moved to amend it in line 5 by striking out the word “twelve” and inserting in place thereof word “one”; and the amendment was adopted.

The order (House, No. 4861, amended) then was adopted.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4857, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Greta Long, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4859).

Greta Long,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Framingham to amend the income qualifications for a certain tax deferral program (House, No. 4789) [Local Approval Received].

Framingham,—
tax deferrals.

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

Orders of the Day.

Bills

Relative to the transfer of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 4389); and

Relative to statewide grand juries (House, No. 4603);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill establishing the Littleton common smart sewer district in the town of Littleton (House, No. 3937), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Littleton,—
sewer
district.

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. 4865), 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 Littleton to use certain land for construction of a water treatment facility without Article 97 restrictions on such use (House, No. 4387), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Littleton,—
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. 4866), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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 on Wednesday 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 eighteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.