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

Appointments to the Special Commission on Ocean Acidification.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representatives Fernandes of Falmouth and Peake of Provincetown to the special legislative commission established (under Section 97 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2018) to make an investigation and study relative to ocean acidification.

Petition.

Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thelma J. Williams, an employee of the Commission for the Blind; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2300) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Joan Meschino and Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Scituate to use certain land for general municipal purposes without Article 97 restrictions on such use, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to GreenWorks [sic] (House, No. 3941), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3987) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,295,000,000.00].

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets,— to amend the bill by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3972),— and the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, pending.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee Steering, Policy and Scheduling,

Pledge of allegiance.

Ocean acidification commission.

Thelma Williams, sick leave.

Scituate, land.

Climate change, municipalities. then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets was rejected.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill (House, No. 3987) 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 House Bill relative to GreenWorks [sic] (House, No. 3987) [for order, see House, No. 3988]. The order was adopted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting the position of sealer of weights and measures in the town of Lynnfield from the civil service law (House, No. 3815) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing the town of Hudson to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3847);

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.

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.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.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.

Climate change, municipalities.

Third reading bills.

Next sitting.