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Thursday, August 6, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 (Mrs. Haddad), the members and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) 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 Housing be granted until Saturday, October 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4718.

Housing
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4918), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) 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 the Judiciary be granted until Thursday, November 12, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 66, 1343, 1358, 1372, 1383, 1487, 1538, 3263, 3265, 3266, 3274, 3320, 3367, 3420, 3422, 3452, 3770 and 4884.

Judiciary
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4929), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) 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 Revenue be granted until Friday, September 18, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2839.

Revenue
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4939), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee, on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Resolve creating a technical fix to the Ocean Acidification Commission (House, No. 4895).

Ocean
acidification.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 824 and 850 and House, No. 3566, a Bill promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing (HOMES) (House, No. 4934).

Evictions,—
sealing.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 2742, a Bill relative to conditional access to State House grounds for temporary construction purposes (House, No. 4935).

State House,—
construction.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Christopher R. Carreiro (House, No. 3912), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Christopher
Carreiro,—
retirement.

Senate bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Charlotte Charest, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2787); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the Baker Hill Road District (Senate, No. 2870, amended);

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, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Salem to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4473), 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.

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-one minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The Senate Bill setting next-generation climate policy (Senate, No. 2500, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4933; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act creating a 2050 roadmap to a clean and thriving Commonwealth").

Climate
policy.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Barrett, Creem and O'Conner had been appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee
of conference.

On motion of Mr. Golden of Lowell, the House insisted on its amendments; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Golden, Haddad of Somerset and Jones of North Reading were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Id.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Charlotte Charest, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2787), 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.

Charlotte
Charest,—
sick leave.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Baker Hill Road District (see Senate, No. 2870, 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.

Lanesborough,—
Baker Hill
Road District.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill directing the Bristol County Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Christopher R. Carreiro (see House, No. 3912, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Recess.

At twenty-eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, the Chair (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-two minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mrs. Haddad in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.