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Thursday, August 8, 2019.

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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Julian M. Dixon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Julian
Dixon.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating John Winship on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

John
Winship.

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 Mrs. Poirier, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Health (see Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010) submitting a report entitled: Calendar Year 2017 Summary of Activities Related to Screening for Postpartum Depression; and

Postpartum
depression.

From the Human Resources Department of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a listing of civil service police chief series eligible lists that have been revoked by the Personnel Administrator as of May 1, 2019;

Civil service,—
police chiefs.

Severally were placed on file.

Report.

The report of the Recovery Coach Commission (under Section 101 of Chapter 208 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a special report of its findings and recommendations regarding the standards and practices of recovery coaches, was placed on file.

Recovery
Coach
Commission.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4040) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Salem,—
liquor
license.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4041) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the scholarship and education committee in the city of Salem be authorized to provide scholarships from funds set aside for educational purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Salem,—
scholarships.

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Welch, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4042) of Michael J. Finn and James T. Welch (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to exempt certain positions in said town from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

West
Springfield,—
civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the town of Natick for the reconstruction of North Main Street (Route 27) (Senate, No. 2316), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Natick,—
land.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony Barton, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2315) (on Senate bill No. 2199), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Anthony
Barton,—
sick leave.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Mark of Peru, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, the bill (having been 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, in concurrence.

A Bill creating a Merrimack River district commission (Senate, No. 2309) (on Senate bill No. 457), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Merrimack
River district
commission.

A report of the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1385) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Jack Patrick Lewis, Maria Duaine Robinson, Thomas M. Stanley and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a moratorium on face recognition and other remote biometric

Face
recognition
surveillance
systems.

surveillance systems,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2307) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Christine P. Barber and Mike Connolly (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city council of the city of Somerville to appoint a clerk of committees and assistant clerks of committees, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Somerville,—
committee
clerks.

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 Peter J. Durant for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Karen Phillips, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. To the committee on Public Service.

Karen
Phillips,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to establish a comprehensive statewide policy concerning streaming entertainment services and the recovery of municipal costs for the management and maintenance of digital infrastructure. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Streaming
entertainment
services.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, 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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marilyn O'Neil, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (Senate, No. 2301), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Marilyn
O'Neil,—
sick leave.

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, the bill (having been 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, in concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rosa Santos, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4005), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Rosa
Santos,—
sick leave.

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, the bill (having been 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.

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

Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Revising the charter of the town of Groton (Senate, No. 1192) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing for the membership of the board of park commissioners of the town of Dunstable (Senate, No. 1193) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to tow lien reform (House, No. 2911);

To amend the Attleboro city charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 3678) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Ashland (House, No. 3953) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a charter for the town of Medway (House, No. 3969) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3687, a Bill financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4039). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, No. 1850 and House, No. 2793, a Bill relative to state contracting (House, No. 2793).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction to the Department of Fire Services (House, No. 3956).

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail (House, No. 2940, changed in line 10 by striking out the words "seek the advice of" and inserting in place thereof the words "request submissions from state and"; in line 19 by inserting after the word "exhibits," the word "uniform"; and in line 29 by inserting after the article "a" the word "uniform").

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marilyn O'Neil, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Senate, No. 2301), 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.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency

Groton,—
charter.

Dunstable,—
park
commission.

Tow liens.

Attleboro,—
charter.

Ashland,—
account.

Medway,—
charter.

Governmental
infrastructure.

State
contracting.

Bridgewater,—
land.

Women's
rights,—
trail.

Marilyn
O'Neil,—
sick leave.

Bill
enacted.

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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony Barton, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2315), 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.

Anthony Barton,—
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 3 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 authorizing the town of Plymouth to continue the employment of G. Edward Bradley (see House, No. 3742) (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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill designating a certain park in the city of Lynn as the Frederick Douglass Park (Senate, No. 2205), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila [sic] Jr. memorial bridge (House, No. 3170) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Falmouth,—
Kotfila bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out section 2; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3170, amended) 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 Monday

Next sitting.

next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.