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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. Day of Stoneham) commending Janice T. Houghton on her anniversary with StonehamBank - a co-operative bank and for her service to the town of Stoneham; and

Janice
Houghton.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) honoring Joanne Toomey on her retirement from the Dedham Housing Authority;

Joanne
Toomey.

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. Wong of Saugus, 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 Mr. Driscoll of Milton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marshall Johnson, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Marshall
Johnson,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and others relative to travel of certain persons into the Commonwealth.

Travel,—
interstate.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John J. Mahoney relative to source plasma donation centers.

Plasma
centers.

By Mr. Santiago of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan Green for legislation to further regulate tobacco control.

Tobacco,—
regulation.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Alyn relative to civil fines for jury duty delinquency.

Jury duty.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Alyn relative to jury duty enforcement.

Id.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Alyn relative to disqualifications for jury duty.

Id.

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

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 James K. Hawkins and others relative to a moratorium on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in response to the COVID-19 emergency. To the committee on Education.

COVID-19,—
MCAS
moratorium.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins (with the approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Attleboro be authorized to regulate rent and evictions in mobile home park accommodations in said city. To the committee on Housing.

Attleboro,—
rent and
evictions.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4915) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
affordable
housing.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the gender neutral redraft of the home rule charter of the town of Easton (House, No. 3984), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Easton,—
charter.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Maynard to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 4693), 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.