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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. Cutler of Pembroke) recognizing Gretchen "Gigi" Mirarchi for her dedicated service to the House of Representatives, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Gretchen
Mirarchi.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Ms. Balser of Newton) 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 Elder Affairs be granted until Tuesday, January 5, 2021 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 358 and 381, and House documents numbered 601, 605, 611 and 630.

Elder Affairs
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4951), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Balser, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) 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 Public Service be granted until Thursday, December 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4858.

Public Service
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4950), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Parisella, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4952) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town; and

Webster,—
liquor
laws.

By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4953) of Tommy Vitolo and Nika C. Elugardo (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to reallocate certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in certain target commercial areas in said town;

Brookline,—
liquor
licenses.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4954) of Daniel J. Ryan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal in the city of Boston. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—
zoning
board.

By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4955) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to exempt certain positions in the police department of said town from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Webster,—
civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brian Bailey, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Brian
Bailey,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds relative to gender neutrality for the naming of certain municipal boards.

Municipal
boards.

By Mr. Robertson of Tewksbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to authorize Deina Abdelkader, an employee of the University of Massachusetts, to join the State Contributory Retirement System.

Deina
Abdelkader,—
retirement.

By Mr. Williams of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bud L. Williams and Marc R. Pacheco relative to housing, economic, education and equity in recovery and reconstruction in the Commonwealth.

Recovery,—
equity.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (House, No. 4673), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 4, in line 23, inserting after the word “ballot” the words “by the state secretary”; striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Dukes County,—
treasurer.

“SECTION 5. Not later than 60 days before the 2020 state election, the county commissioners of the county of Dukes County shall prepare and submit to the state secretary a fair, concise summary of this act to appear with the question in section 4.”; and

In section 6, in lines 35 and 36, striking out the words “until such treasurer is done serving his or her term or if he or she sooner vacates” and inserting in place thereof the following words “until the expiration of the term for which the treasurer was elected or if the treasurer sooner vacates the office”. The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2896) of Dean A. Tran, Stephan Hay and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to authorize the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Jaxx Country Variety; and

Lunenburg,—
liquor
license.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2897) of Dean A. Tran, Harriette L. Chandler and Harold P. Naughton, Jr. (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Clinton to grant additional liquor licenses;

Clinton,—
liquor
licenses.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2898) of Dean A. Tran, Danillo A. Sena and Stephan Hay (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Lunenburg,—
library
fund.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for officers and employees of the town other than those employees of the Wilbraham Police Department, Wilbraham Fire Department and Wilbraham Department of Public Works (House, No. 4848) [Local Approval Received].

Wilbraham,—
appointments.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Leicester as the John J. Binienda memorial bridge (House, No. 4867) [Local Approval Received].

Leicester,—
Binienda
bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Leicester as the Private First-Class Eugene Joseph Paranteau memorial bridge (House, No. 4868) [Local Approval Received].

Leicester,—
Paranteau
bridge.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Hanover to grant 13 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4312, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Clinton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4337);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Framingham to amend the income qualifications for a certain tax deferral program (House, No. 4789), 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 six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.