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Thursday, August 20, 2020.

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 Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Neal Boldrighini on the occasion of his retirement as the Fire Chief in the Mansfield Fire Department;

Neal
Boldrighini.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Della Rogowski on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Della
Rogowski.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Ben J. Settle, IV, on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ben
Settle.

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.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) 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 Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure be granted until Tuesday, January 5, 2021 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2896 and 2897 and House document numbered 4936.

Consumer
Protection and
Professional
Licensure,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4957), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Housing,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

its final report on current Senate document numbered 2831 and House document numbered 4878.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4958), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Miss Gregoire of Marlborough) 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight be granted until Friday, October 16, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2810 and House documents numbered 4877 and 4885.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4956), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State
Administration
and Regulatory
Oversight,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Petition.

Mr. McMurtry of Dedham presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to include certain water and sewer treatment plant operators in Group 4 of the contributory retirement system for public employees; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Water
and sewer
operators,—
retirement.

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 John J. Mahoney relative to source plasma donation centers. To the committee on Public Health.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to authorize Deina Abdelkader, an employee of the University of Massachusetts, to join the State Contributory Retirement System. To the committee on Public Service.

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

Plasma
centers.

Deina
Abdelkader,—
retirement.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired):

The Senate Bill changing the availability of supplemental reserves in the town of Winchendon (Senate, No. 2681) [Local Approval Received]; and

The House Bill authorizing the town of Kingston to establish a special fund to process activity produced by non-town net metering (House, No. 4390) [Local Approval Received];

Winchendon,—
reserves.

Kingston,—
fund.

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

Report of the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to provide increased access to hearing aids (House, No. 4298), ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10).

Hearing
aids,—
access.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cullinane of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. The House then refused to reject the bill, which was then read.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on House, Nos. 595, 596, 597, 603, 622, 626, 627, 628, 631, 3552 and 3711, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning elder abuse issues (House, No. 4401). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Elder
Affairs,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to an agricultural deed restriction in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4940).

Westborough,—
land.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for capital improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4946).

IT bonds,—
terms.

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

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance proceeds for injured police and fire personnel in the town of Boylston (House, No. 4937) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boylston,—
insurance.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul McBrien, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4795) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Revising the town charter of Lunenburg (see Senate, No. 2754) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Amending recall election procedures in the town of Charlton (see House, No. 4034) (which originated in the House);

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (House, No. 4673), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Dukes
County,—
treasurer.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Cpl. Lawrence L. Lukasevicius memorial bridge (House, No. 3191), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Yarmouth to establish a beach capital improvement fund (House, No. 4116) (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.

Yarmouth,—
fund.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 3 by adding the following paragraph:

“The treasurer of the town of Yarmouth shall, until such time as the Beach Capital Improvement Fund ceases to exist, provide an annual financial report to the town of Yarmouth, which shall be publicly posted on or before October 1 of each year. The annual financial report shall specifically include: (i) Fund revenues; (ii) Fund receipts; (iii) the amount of grants made from the Fund; (iv) the specific amounts of loans made by the Fund and to whom such loans were made; and (v) the balance of money in the Fund at the end of each fiscal year.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4116, 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 at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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