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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Statement of Representative Madaro of Boston.

A statement of Mr. Madaro of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for the session held on Wednesday, July 31, due to my sitting for the second day of the Uniform Bar Exam in Massachusetts. If I could have been present, I would have voted with the Chair. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Mr. Madaro of Boston.

Statement of Representative McMurtry of Dedham.

A statement of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was absent from the House Chamber for the session held on Monday, July 22. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay Nos. 80, 81 and 82, on passing to be enacted land-taking bills, House, Nos. 1771, 3643 and 3644, respectfully; and I also would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 83, on acceptance of the conference committee report on the General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 4000). On Yea and Nay No. 84, on the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the Governor to House, No. 3654, I would have voted in the negative.

Statement of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives DuBois of Brockton and Sullivan of Abington) congratulating Riley Shaw of the town of East Bridgewater on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) congratulating Chief Steven Yetman on the occasion of his retirement from the Burlington Fire Department;

Riley Shaw.

Steven Yetman.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gouveia of Acton and Benson of Lunenburg) congratulating Barbara and David Keeler on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary;

Barbara and David Keeler.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGonagle of Everett) supporting the government of El Salvador; and

El Salvador.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Whelan of Brewster) recognizing Deputy Chief James Fitzmaurice Sullivan, for his thirty-three years of dedicated service to the Dennis Police Department;

James Sullivan.

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. McGonagle, 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 Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7010-0005 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report entitled: Gifted Education in Massachusetts;

Gifted education.

From the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for the fiscal year 2018; and

MetroWest Regional transit.

From the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk County, technology fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

The annual report of the Department of Public Health (under Section 2J of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting the report entitled: Public Health Grant Trust Fund Report 2019;

Public health,—grants.

Quarterly reports

Of the Department of Public Health (under item 4513-1020 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the Early Intervention program report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2019; and

Early Intervention.

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under Section 17 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting its fourth quarter report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019;

Bureau of Special Investigations.

Severally were placed on file.

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 Ryane Lineham, sick leave. the joint petition of Bradford Hill and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ryane Lineham, an employee of the Department of Revenue. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karen Phillips, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4046). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Karen Phillips, sick leave.

Bills

enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

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Establishing a sick leave bank for Timothy Cuthbert, an employee of the Department of State Police (see House, No. 3959); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sandra Cuthbert, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (see House, No. 3960, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, 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 establishing a sick leave bank for Thelma J. Williams, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (House No. 4032) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House No. 3939), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Milford, liquor license.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, line 4, by striking out the words "Gas and Market Inc." and inserting in place thereof the words "Gasand Market Inc., also known as Central Gas and Market Inc.,".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3939, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House No. 3940), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Id.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 2 and 3, by striking out the words ", upon receipt of a completed application, payment of any applicable fees, after hearing and all due process, and in its sole discretion grant an" and inserting in place thereof the following: "grant 1".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3940, 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 ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.