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Monday, August 24, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 (Mrs. Haddad), the members and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Appointment of the Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Beverly Stables, Health Care Policy Analyst of the House Minority Leader's Office, to the special commission established (under Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020) to study and make recommendations to the General Court that address health disparities related to COVID-19.

COVID-19,—  
health  
disparities  
commission.

## *Petition.*

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System permit Marilyn Rosenberg to purchase creditable service for retirement purposes for service at the Boston School for the Deaf; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Marilyn  
Rosenberg,—  
creditable  
service.

## *Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Burns, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2762) (on Senate, No. 2748), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Patrick  
Burns,—  
sick leave.

## *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing Michael Cheung to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4815), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Michael  
Cheung,—  
retirement.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill removing certain positions from Massachusetts civil service law (House, No.

Framingham,—  
civil service.

4864) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford (see House, No. 4222) (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 House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4797), 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.

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Mrs. Ferguson of Holden then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Harold M. Lane, Jr., a member of the House from Holden from 1993 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.