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

Pledge of allegiance.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Tucker of Salem), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Nathan Baniukiewicz, Morgan Harrington and Jacob Swift, as well as Grafton police sergeant Michael Swift. At the invitation of the Chair, they participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Muradian of Grafton.

Grafton,—guests.

Communication.

A communication from the Division of Banks (under the provisions of Section 171 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 209 CMR 50.00: Parity with Federal Credit Unions (Parity Regulations) (House, No. 4057), was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence

Division of Banks,— regulations.

Petitions.

Ms. Whipps of Athol presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4055) of Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) that the town of Gill be authorized to continue the employment of Gene M. Beaubien, fire chief of the fire department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Gill,— Gene M. Beaubien.

Mr. Nangle of Lowell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle, Rady Mom and Thomas A. Golden, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kaila McGonagle, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Kaila McGonagle, sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, 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.

A joint petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the water supply in the town of Nantucket; was transmitted to the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

Nantucket,—water supply.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to the Hampshire Council of Governments (Senate, No. 2325) (on a part of Senate bill No. 2302), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Hampshire Council of Governments.

Reports

Of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1871) of Eric P. Lesser, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and José F. Tosado for legislation to establish a commission on electronic notarization,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary;

Notarization,—commission.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1799) of Michael D. Brady, Jennifer E. Benson, Patrick M. O'Connor, Marc R. Pacheco and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate certain light frame residential construction,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and

Residential construction,—light frame.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1812) of Nick Collins and David Biele for legislation relative to a certain ramp in the South Boston waterfront,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation;

Boston,— Massport Haul Road and Silver Line Way.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the disposition of certain conservation land in the town of Groton (Senate, No. 2303) [Local Approval Received]; and

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karen Phillips, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4046);

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

Groton,—land.

Karen Phillips.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill relative to the Fort Devens Museum (House, No. 2712), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Fort Devens Museum.

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural

Small business

Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to increased access of small business to participation in energy savings services and programs (House, No. 806).

energy savings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2284 and House, No. 3851, a Bill establishing an interagency PFAS task force (House, No. 3851).

PFAS,— task force.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Provincetown (see House, No. 1818, amended); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the city of Lowell to appoint retired police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (see House, No. 4022);

(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 Senate amendments of the House Bill modifying the Sherwood Forest Road maintenance district in the town of Becket (House, No. 1819), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Becket,— Sherwood Forest Road.

The House Bill relative to nomination of candidates for town meeting in the town of Milford (House, No. 698), 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 nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Tucker of Salem being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.