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Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Met at seven minutes after 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.

## *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Kristo Apostol of Norwell.

Kristo  
Apostol  
of Norwell.

A first generation Albanian immigrant, Kristo was born in Boston in 1924, the third of four children. After graduating from the Boston Public Schools, he joined the Navy at the age of 17 and went to war. Kristo served as a Naval Corpsman with the Fifth Marine Division fighting throughout the Pacific and in particular on Iwo Jima. He was wounded in action while rescuing wounded Marines during the heavy combat below Mount Suribachi. After discharge from the Navy, Kristo married the "love of his life", Eunice Roland in 1948 and became a Boston Firefighter where he served for 30 years while living in Norwell and raising their four children.

Kristo was a devout Roman Catholic and longtime parishioner of Saint Helen's Church in Norwell. He passed looking forward to being reunited with his parents and siblings, Sophia Joseph, Paul Apostol, Evelyn Horan and his nephew Richard Joseph and his daughter Vivian Harlow who passed away last year. He leaves behind his wife of 72 years, Eunice; his son Gregory and daughters Barbara and Christine, along with their spouses, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Kristo was very well known and respected in Norwell and will be long remembered as a local hero and model citizen.

## *Message from the Governor — Recommendations of Amendments in the Emergency Expenditures Bill.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendations of amendments of certain sections contained in the engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2021 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill [see House, No. 4905] (for message, see House, No. 4962), filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, August 4, was read.

Emergency  
expenditures,—  
amendments.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

Sections 2 and 3 — Printed as House, No. 4960; and  
Section 8 — Printed as House, No. 4961.

Severally, on motion of Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

### *Communication.*

A communication from the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development], was placed on file.

Insurance  
fraud.

### *Petitions.*

Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4963) of Smitty Pignatelli (by vote of the town) that the town of Egremont be authorized to utilize a portion of French Park in said town to construct a broadband headend; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Egremont,—  
land.

Mr. Smola of Warren presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Moulton, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mary  
Moulton,—  
sick leave.

### *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Boverini, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4837, amended) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in lines 1 and 2 striking out the words "Essex County Juvenile Court" and inserting in place thereof the words "trial court of the Commonwealth"; and striking out the emergency preamble (inserted by amendment by the House) and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Maria  
Boverini,—  
sick leave.

*"Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4915) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston,—  
affordable  
housing.

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

### *Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill further regulating the disposition of certain parcels of land in the city of Northampton (see House, No. 4123), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Northampton,—  
land.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paula Euber, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see House, No. 4662), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Paula  
Euber,—  
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the Northampton housing authority (see House, No. 3685) (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.

The engrossed Bill changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (see House, No. 4673, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered.

Dukes  
County,—  
treasurer.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be enacted, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved that Rule 40 be suspended; and the motion prevailed.

Rule 40  
suspended.

The same member then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following section:

“SECTION 5A. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill authorizing employees of the city of Fall River to purchase credible service for military service time (Senate, No. 2257, amended), 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, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

*Recess.*

At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at a quarter after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill changing the position of treasurer in the county of Dukes County to an appointed position (see House, No. 4673, amended) (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.

*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.

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At eighteen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.