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Thursday, August 29, 2019.

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Dudley (House, No. 4058), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, August 27.

Dudley,—
election.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Vitolo of Brookline) commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Boston House, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Boston
House.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, 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 Transitional Assistance (see Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its enforcement and violations report of direct cash assistance within the Electronic Benefit Transfer Program; and

EBT
program,—
violations, etc.

From the Plymouth 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];

Plymouth
County,—
technology
fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

A report of the town of Brewster Select Board (under Section 3 of Chapter 375 of the Acts of 2018) submitting notification that the balance of funds from the Affordable Housing Fund had been transferred to the Brewster Affordable Housing Fund [received by electronic mail January 29, 2019]; and

Brewster,—
housing
funds.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through July 2019;

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4060) of David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) that the town of Hanover be authorized to grant 13 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Hanover,—
liquor licenses.

By Mrs. Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4062) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen in said town to the select board; and

Lexington,—
select board.

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4061) of David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) that the town of Hanover be authorized to fund the other post-employment benefits liability trust fund in said town;

Hanover,—
trust fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4053) of Shawn Dooley and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to exempt the position of police chief in said town from the civil service law; and

Plainville,—
civil service.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4054) of Shawn Dooley and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainville be authorized to exempt certain positions in the police department of said town from the civil service law;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill relative to the Hampshire Council of Governments (Senate, No. 2325), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4059. [Total Appropriation: \$250,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hampshire
Council of
Governments.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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. The bill (Senate, No. 2325, amended) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 96) of Tackey Chan, Bruce J. Ayers and Paul Brodeur for legislation to provide an income tax exemption for families caring for their elderly relatives at home,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Family care,—
tax exemption.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to the Hampshire Council of Governments (see Senate, No. 2325, amended), 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.

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Council of
Governments.

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 3 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill modifying the Sherwood Forest Road maintenance district in the town of Becket (see House, No. 1819, 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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4011), 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Ms. Barber of Somerville being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.