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Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Madaro of Boston 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. Madaro), 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 Wesley "Wes" Holmes Osborne of Norwell.

Wesley "Wes"
Holmes Osborn
of Norwell.

A lifelong resident of Norwell, Wes was born in Norwell in 1923, the oldest of four children. He grew up on the family farm, graduated from Norwell High School and shortly thereafter joined the US Coast Guard at the age of 17. Wes served his country 56 months primarily at sea in the Atlantic during World War 2. He was a sailor aboard the sailing vessel Gertrude L. Thebaud during numerous coastal submarine missions.

Upon discharge from the Coast Guard, he returned to Norwell to marry the "love of his life", Barbara Burney and raising their two children Garry and Gail. Mr. Osborne worked for over 50 years as the Tree Warden for the town of Norwell and is best known for replanting maples along all the main roads replacing the many elms that fell to Dutch Elm Disease. He was a member and past President of both the Southeastern Tree Wardens and Arborist Association and the Massachusetts Tree Warden Association and is still remembered as a mentor by many in those organizations.

He leaves behind his wife of 72 years, Barbara; his son Gary and daughter Gail, along with their spouses, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Wes was very well known and respected in Norwell, serving on many boards and commissions and was a long-time officer with Norwell's Samuel Turner Post 192 American Legion. He will be long remembered as a local hero and model citizen.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, September 11, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 3980.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4964), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of

Mr. Tucker of Salem, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Miss Gregoire of Marlborough presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire, Carolyn C. Dykema and Hannah Kane relative to authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer the care and control of a certain parcel of land in the town of Westborough to the Department of Fish and Game; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Westborough,—
land.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the swearing in of elected officials in the town of Wayland (Senate, No. 2903), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Wayland,—
elected
officials.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon L. Kelley, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2867, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Sharon
Kelley,—
sick leave.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, 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.”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2904) of John F. Keenan and David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Rockland, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Rockland,—
charter.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate:—

August 31, 2020.

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate, has made the following appointments to the Health Disparity [a.k.a. Equity] Task Force (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020):

Healthcare,—
disparities.

- Senator Julian Cyr;
- Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz;

- Dr. Frank Robinson, Vice-President, Public Health and Community Relations, Baystate Health;
- Dr. Cassandra Pierre, Infectious Diseases Physician and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Boston University;
- Dr. Milagros Abreu, Executive Director, President and Founder of The Latino Health Insurance Program; and
- Michael Curry, Deputy CEO and General Counsel at Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

Additionally, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, has appointed Hiram Shah (pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020) to the Health Disparity [a.k.a. Equity] Task Force.

Id.

Respectfully,
 MICHAEL D. HURLEY
Clerk of the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Burns, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2762), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Patrick Burns,—
 sick leave.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Groton to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 4809) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Groton,—
 liquor licenses.

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

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to continue the Citizens Commission concerning a constitutional amendment to secure government of the people (House, No. 4908). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Constitutional amendment commission,—
 continuation.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting Richard Bruno, Daniel Smart and Michael Soltys from the maximum age requirement for firefighters in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4904) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

North Andover,—
 Richard Bruno,
 Daniel Smart,
 Michael Soltys.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill exempting the city of Northampton from appointing weighers of hay, weighers of coal, and fence viewers (see House, No. 4330, 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.

Northampton,—
 appointments.

Pending the question on adoption of the emergency preamble, 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 striking out the emergency preamble; and the amendment was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing employees of the city of Fall River to purchase creditable service for military service time (see Senate, No. 2257, amended) (which originated in the Senate), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Madaro of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.