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Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at 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, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Vieira of Falmouth had been appointed as his designee to the special legislative commission established (under Section 32 of Chapter 34 of the Acts of 2019) to be known as the Task Force on the Preservation and Storage of Evidence;

Evidence
preservation
and storage.

That Representative Muratore of Plymouth had been appointed as his designee to the task force established (under Section 91 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to evaluate ways to ensure the financial stability of skilled nursing facilities, consider the role of skilled nursing facilities within the continuum of elder care services, and address current workforce challenges within the industry; and

Nursing
facilities
and elder
care services.

That Representative Whelan of Brewster had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Section 101 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the appropriate level of funding for the Department of Correction and each sheriff's department.

Correction
department and
sheriffs,—
funding.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley relative to inspections for certain motor vehicles and motorcycles.

Motor vehicle
inspections.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bob Costa relative to unemployment insurance and family medical leave benefits for certain visiting trainees.

Trainees,—
benefits.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan and others relative to reports required to be filed by the Department of Children and Families.

Children and
families,—
reports.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to motor vehicle owners' and independent repair facilities' access to vehicle on-board diagnostic systems.

Motor vehicle
diagnostic
systems.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Westport (Senate, No. 2275) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westport,—
recalls.

Authorizing the city of New Bedford to enter into a long-term lease for the operation of a performing arts center (Senate, No. 2279, amended in section 2 (as published), in line 9, by striking out the words “commissioning an appraisal or”) (on Senate, No. 2222) [Local Approval Received];

New Bedford,—
performing
arts center.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Joseph D. McKenna and others relative to the videotaping or taking of moving digital images of activities in the backyard of certain adjoining residential properties. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McKenna, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Backyard
privacy.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ana Ferdaus, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4051).

Ana
Ferdaus,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Danielle Diaz, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4052).

Danielle
Diaz,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ryane Lineham, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 4056).

Ryane
Lineham,—
sick leave.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David P. Christian, and employee of the Department of Correction (see Senate, No. 1541, 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.

David
Christian,—
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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the town administrator in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3968);
and

Authorizing the town of Fairhaven to transfer an interest in certain park land
(House, No. 4009);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be
correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

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 fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of
Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet
the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.