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Thursday, September 10, 2020.

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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

During the session (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), at the request of Ms. Domb of Amherst, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Dr. Frederick Charles Tillis. Dr. Tillis was an esteemed jazz musician, American composer, and poet who passed away at the age of 90 years on May 3, 2020. He came to Massachusetts in 1970 and soon after became the Director of UMass Amherst's Fine Arts Center. He was also a founding director of both the Jazz and African American Music program and the Jazz in July program at the University of Massachusetts. In his lifetime, he wrote more than 100 compositions, 15 books of poetry, and a textbook on jazz music theory. He believed in people as the driving force in creating culture, not institutions, and famously said "If you don't get with the people, what are you doing to preserve the vitality of art and culture?"

Dr. Frederick
Charles Tillis.

Order.

The following order (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) 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 the Judiciary be granted until Thursday, November 12, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4944.

Judiciary,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4968), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Paul R. Feeney relative to drinking alcohol at drive-in venues.

Drive-ins,—
alcohol.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to tax exemptions for home office expenses.

Home office
tax exemption.

By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Brendan P. Crighton relative to certain online automobile franchise transactions.

Online automobile transactions.

By Ms. Sullivan of Abington (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian C. McPherson relative to certain benefits from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

COVID-19,—
PERAC.

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

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 Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Felix Cruz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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.

Felix Cruz,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Wellesley to continue employment of Jeffrey Peterson (House, No. 4938) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Wellesley,—
Jeffrey
Peterson.

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

Report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4588) of Elizabeth A. Poirier (by vote of the town) that the town of North Attleborough be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town.

North
Attleborough,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 1293, 1294, 1295, 1298, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1322, 1324, 1327 and 1328, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public housing, manufactured housing, and foreclosure issues (House, No. 4941) [Representative Crocker of Barnstable dissenting].

Housing,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1275, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning emergency housing (House, No. 4942) [Representative Crocker of Barnstable dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1313, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning public housing (House, No. 4943) [Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Crocker of Barnstable dissenting].

Id.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian Bailey, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4971). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Brian Bailey,—
sick leave.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the transfer of care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4178, 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.

Bridgewater,—
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 4 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 Amanda Caruso, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4657), 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.

Amanda
Caruso,—
sick leave
bank.

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 4 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.

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enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill changing the availability of supplemental reserves in the town of Winchendon (Senate, No. 2681), 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.

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.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.