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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.

At the request of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of State Trooper Thomas William Devlin. Trooper Devlin passed away on September 3rd, 2020 at the age of 58 after a long battle with injuries he sustained after being struck by a vehicle during a traffic stop in 2018.

State Trooper
Thomas
William
Devlin.

Raised in Lexington, Trooper Devlin graduated from the State Police Academy on December 6, 1985. He would go on to serve the Commonwealth for 35 years. Throughout his career, he earned the Medal of Lifesaving in 1999, State Police Troop Commendation in 2004, and the State Police Division Commendation in 2015. Trooper Devlin was well known for his selflessness and sacrifice in the line of duty and at home.

He leaves behind his wife Nancy and four children, Matthew, Rachel, Paul, and Hannah.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing Brian M. Belfiore to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 2623) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Haverhill,—
Brian
Belfiore.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2907) of Marc R. Pacheco, Susan Williams Gifford and Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Middleborough to lease to the town of Plympton land owned by Middleborough and located in Plympton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Middleborough,—
land.

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 Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary

Mary
Moulton,—
sick leave.

Moulton, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamerisa Sanchez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2892); and

House bills

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]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Brian Bailey, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4971);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Prohibiting town officials in the town of North Andover from holding certain other town positions (Senate, No. 2626) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to special police in the town of Weston (Senate, No. 2699) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Relative to property tax exemptions for rental properties in the town of Lincoln deed restricted as affordable housing (House, No. 2645) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to retirement benefits for Richard Drury (House, No. 4779);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill investigating the economic impact of certain Massachusetts laws (House, No. 4332), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3980, a Bill to promote commercial driver safety (House, No. 4967). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Ashfield to a select board (House, No. 4948) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Lenox to transfer certain park property in exchange for dedication of conservation land (House, No. 4949, changed in section 1, in line 7, by striking out

Tamerisa Sanchez,—
sick leave.

North Andover,—
firefighters.

Brian Bailey,—
sick leave.

North Andover,—
officials.

Weston,—
special police.

Lincoln,—
tax exemptions.

Richard Drury.

Minimum pricing,—
commission.

Commercial driver safety.

Ashfield,—
select board.

Lenox,—
land.

the following: “recorded with the Berkshire middle registry of deeds in plat , # ,”) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Zoning Board of Appeal (House, No. 4954) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Egremont to seek approval to utilize a portion of French Park to construct a broadband headend (House, No. 4963) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Erving (House, No. 4966) [Local Approval Received].

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

Boston,—
zoning board.

Egremont,—
land.

Erving,—
select
board.

Engrossed Bill.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for officers and employees of the town other than those employees of the Wilbraham Police Department, Wilbraham Fire Department and Wilbraham Department of Public Works (House, No. 4848); and

Relative to certain affordable housing in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4915);

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.

Mrs. Ferguson of Holden then moved that when the House adjourns today, it again do so in respect to the memory of Harold M. Lane, Jr., a member of the House from Holden from 1993 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at nine 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 Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.