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Thursday, September 19, 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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Cullinane of Boston and Holmes of Boston) commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of American Legion Post No. 16 in the Mattapan section of the city of Boston;

American
Legion
Post 16.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating John Augustine Chiodo on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

John
Chiodo.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton, Rogers of Norwood, McMurtry of Dedham and Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Daniel Rubinstein on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel
Rubinstein.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Robinson of Framingham, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Monthly Report.

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 August, 2019, was placed on file.

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Representative Donato of Medford and Senator Jehlen presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4082) of Paul J. Donato, Patricia D. Jehlen and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Medford be authorized to exempt labor service positions of the department of public works, in said city, from the civil service law; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medford,—
civil
service.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes that the county of Dukes County be authorized to borrow funds to pay costs of acquiring land and for certain other capital improvements.

Dukes
County,—
land.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes that the county of Dukes County be authorized to change the position of treasurer from an elected to an appointed position.

Dukes
County,—
treasurer.

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

Reports of Committees.

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 authorizing the town of Rutland to continue the employment of David Williams as deputy fire chief (Senate, No. 2251, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rutland,—
David
Williams.

House bills

Relative to further regulating the Commission on Falls Prevention (House, No. 1893); and

Falls
prevention.

Making technical corrective changes to the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund tax assessments (House, No. 4073);

Cape Cod and
Islands fund,—
excise.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to establish [sic] regional transit authority enterprise fund (House, No. 3106). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Regional transit
authorities,—
fund.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of South Grafton [sic] as the veterans memorial bridge (House, No. 3796). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Grafton,—
bridge.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the home rule charter of the city of Easthampton (see Senate, No. 2331) (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.

The House Bill amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington relative to the appointment and management of the town treasurer (House, No. 3978), 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At five 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.