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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset 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 (Mrs. Haddad), the members and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Bradley H. Jones, Sr. Mr. Jones died on Monday, September 7, at the age of 89.

Bradley H.
Jones, Sr.
of North
Reading.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Jean of 67 years and his three children; Karen Billingham, Mark Jones and House Minority Leader Brad Jones. He also leaves behind five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Jones was a fabric of the town of North Reading with his community involvement. He served on the Finance Committee, Middle School Building Committee, Town Search Committees, was a North Reading youth sports coach and helped establish the North Reading Chapter of the Citizen Scholarship Foundation, where he and Mrs. Jones volunteered for nearly 40 years.

He worked tirelessly on behalf of the Town of North Reading. Mr. Jones spent countless hours at Town Hall and at Town Meetings, always carrying the most recent town budget under his arm. He loved to talk with people about town politics and always had a story to tell.

He served his town and his county with great passion. He lived a full and happy life and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4991) of Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) that the town of Stow be authorized to take easements and rights of way for the reconstruction of the Box Mill Road bridge in said town; and

Stow,—
bridge.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4992) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Chatham be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to the select board in said town;

Chatham,—
select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Moran of Boston (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tim Wallis for legislation to regulate the use of chemical pesticides on golf courses; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Chemical pesticides.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Littleton to use certain land for construction of a water treatment facility without Article 97 restrictions on such use (House, No. 4866), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2912. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Littleton,—
land.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Marzilli, an employee of the Military Division of the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2742, amended in lines 1 and 2 by striking out the words “Massachusetts Department of Transportation” and inserting in place thereof the words “military division of the executive branch of the commonwealth”, in lines 3, 5 and 8 by striking out the word “department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word “division”; and by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

William Marzilli,—
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 military division of the executive branch 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.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds relative to gender neutrality for the naming of certain municipal boards. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Municipal boards,—
gender.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jon Santiago, Christina A. Minicucci and others relative to public measures to prevent the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus in the Commonwealth. To the committee on Public Health.

COVID-19,—
resurgence prevention.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Marshall Johnson, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. To the committee on Public Service.

Marshall Johnson,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Gerard J. Cassidy and Michael D. Brady that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer certain real property located in the city of Brockton. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Brockton,—
land.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Rehoboth as the 1st Lt. Craig H. Waterman memorial bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Rehoboth,—
Waterman bridge.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 4740, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning essential employees (House, No. 4994).

Essential employees,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4742, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning municipal police and fire workers (House, No. 4995).

Municipal police and fire,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4745, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning hazard pay (House, No. 4996).

Hazard pay,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4747, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning worker relief funds (House, No. 4997).

Worker relief funds,— study.

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. Naughton of Clinton, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Franklin County Sheriff's opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund (House, No. 4973).

Franklin County Sheriff,— opioids.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Northampton (House, No. 4877).

Northampton,— land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of care and control of certain parcels of land and the conveyance of a parcel of land in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4970).

Westborough,— land.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4588, a Bill authorizing the town of North Attleborough to issue an additional liquor license (House, No. 4990) [Local Approval Received].

North Attleborough,— liquor license.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill providing for rent regulation and control of evictions in mobile home park accommodations in the city of Attleboro (House, No. 4959) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Attleboro,— rent and evictions.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Felix Cruz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 4977).

Felix Cruz,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Moulton, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4981).

Mary
Moulton,—
sick leave

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Plainfield to continue the employment of Fire Chief David Alvord (see House, No. 4855) (which originated in the House), 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 authorizing the town of Westford to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4469), 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.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Webster to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4340), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Webster,—
liquor
license.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4993), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to an agricultural deed restriction in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4983), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Westborough,—
deed
restriction.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the conveyance of a portion of a certain parcel of land in the town of Westborough, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4983, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Mr. Vega of Holyoke then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Martin J. Dunn, a member of the Massachusetts State Senate from the Hampden and Hampshire District in 1992 and 1993, and a former legal counsel of the State Senate; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.