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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Reappointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had reappointed Jean Cotter Fox of Freetown to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Commission
on the Status
of Women.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough and Hawkins of Attleboro) congratulating Jennie C. Woll on her one hundredth birthday;

Jennie
Woll.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Jack Sebastian Collentro on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Jack
Collentro.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating John Charles Norberg on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

John
Norberg.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Brandon Douglas O'Neill on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Brandon
O'Neill.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Matthew Joseph Stetter on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Matthew
Stetter.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peake of Provincetown, Whelan of Brewster, Crocker of Barnstable, Vieira of Falmouth, Hunt of Sandwich and Fernandes of Falmouth) congratulating Victoria Goldsmith on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod, Inc.;

Victoria
Goldsmith.

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 Mrs. Poirier, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4115) of

Boston,—

Kevin G. Honan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to further regulate the zoning of housing, commercial and institutional development in said city; and zoning.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4116) of Timothy R. Whelan, William L. Crocker, Jr., and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Yarmouth be authorized to establish a beach capital improvement fund; Yarmouth,—
fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Campbell of Methuen and Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dean Campbell and David T. Vieira for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to a suitable memorial to commemorate Deborah Sampson. Deborah
Sampson,—
commission.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be directed to establish memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Milton and
Canton,—
memorials.

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Melinda Trudell, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Melinda
Trudell,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan and others for legislation to establish penalties for certain persons disguising themselves in a manner including but not limited to concealing facial features. Disguises,—
penalties.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to educational opportunity for students (Senate, No. 2365) (on Senate bill No. 2350), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Education,—
funding.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported that the foregoing bill ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bills

Observing United States Navy Day (Senate, No. 1904, amended in lines 4 and 5 by striking out the words “, in recognition of Massachusetts as the birthplace of the United States Navy and”) (on a petition); Navy
day.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Linda Kenney, an employee of the Center for Health Information and Analysis (Senate, No. 2329, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble: Linda
Kenney,—
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 center for health information and analysis, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”) (on a petition); and

Further regulating the membership on the Ware River Watershed Advisory Ware River.

Committee (Senate, No. 2253) (on Senate, No. 478);

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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2360) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt all positions in the police department of the town of Rockport from the civil service law, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Rockport,—
civil
service.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Jay D. Livingstone and Joseph A. Boncore that a certain pavilion shelter on the Charles River Esplanade in the city of Boston be designated as the Priebatsch pavilion. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Boston,—
Priebatsch
pavilion.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Northampton. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Northampton,—
land.

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

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

Relative to the Recreational Tramway Board (House, No. 2110);

Tramway board.

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to employ Kevin D. Roy as fire chief beyond the statutory retirement age (House, No. 4071) [Local Approval Received]; and

Fitchburg,—
Kevin Roy.

Providing for special police officers in the city of Leominster (House, No. 4098) [Local Approval Received];

Leominster,—
special police.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jacqueline Dayton, an employee of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (House, No. 4093). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jacqueline
Dayton,—
sick leave.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thelma J. Williams, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (see House, No. 4032), 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.

Thelma
Williams,—
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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Westport (see Senate, No. 2275, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Regulating municipal employees of the towns of Richmond and West Stockbridge acting in relation to intermunicipal agreements (see House, No. 3631) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amanda Franczek, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2322, amended), 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.

House bills

Amending the charter of the city of Attleboro by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 3678) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Exempting the labor service positions of the department of public works in the city of Medford from the civil service laws (House, No. 4082);

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.

The Senate Bill further regulating the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at certain polling places in the town of Middleton (Senate, No. 2344), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Middleton,—
polling
places.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Messrs. Speliotis of Danvers and Jones of North Reading moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 24 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, the town of Middleton may designate polling places in any building or location; provided, that alcoholic beverages shall not be served or consumed in that portion of a building or location used as a polling place, during voting hours or while ballots are being counted therein.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2344, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

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 a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (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.