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Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton 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. Kafka), 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 Ms. Gouveia of Acton) congratulating the Concord Players, Inc. on its one hundredth anniversary of establishment; and

Concord
Players.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating August Edward Zimbalist on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

August
Zimbalist.

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

Order.

An order (filed this day by Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Chang-Diaz) relative to authorizing the committee on Cannabis Policy to visit, in the discharge of their duties, the Leicester public library, in the town of Leicester on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, for the purpose of conducting a committee hearing from 11:00 o'clock A.M. until 2:00 o'clock P.M. (House, No. 4121), was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Cannabis
Policy
committee,—
authorization
to travel.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel Cahill for legislation to further regulate the prevention of cruelty to farm animals.

Farm animals,—
cruelty.

By Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Kelcourse relative to a property tax credit for certain veterans.

Veterans,—
property tax.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gina M. Parolisi relative to the classification and early retirement creditable service for certain Trial Court clerical employees.

Trial Court,—
creditable
service.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill further regulating the Lanesborough Village Fire and Water District (House, No. 3863) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in lines 3 and 4, striking out the following: “if it becomes necessary to carry out its purposes, apportion any betterments into 20, 30 or 40 equal parts” and inserting in place thereof the following: “notwithstanding section 13 of chapter 80 of the General Laws, apportion any betterment into 20, 30 or 40 equal parts if it becomes necessary to carry out its purposes”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Lanesborough
Village Fire
and Water
District.

A Bill validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Heath on May 10, 2019 (printed in Senate, No. 2234) (on a message from His Excellency the Governor), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Heath,—
election.

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 Steven Ultrino and others for legislation to prohibit discrimination based on natural hairstyles. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Natural
hairstyles.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Public Service.

Melinda
Trudell,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by resolve) 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. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Deborah
Sampson,—
memorial.

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 811) of Hannah Kane and others relative to date labels on food packaging of products,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Public Health.

Food
packaging,—
date labels.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 799) of Jonathan Hecht and others that the Department of Environmental Protection revise the regulations governing the rideshare program,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Rideshare
programs.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally 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 Linda Kenney, an employee of the Center for Health Information and Analysis (Senate, No. 2329, amended); and

House bills

Exempting all uniformed positions in the fire department of the town of Acushnet from the civil service law (House, No. 3916) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing Scott Wood to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 3994) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jacqueline Dayton, an employee of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (House, No. 4093);

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House Nos. 1701 and 1714, a Resolve establishing a special commission on post traumatic [sic] stress disorder (House, No. 4119).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1755, a Bill to establish a commission to study substance use disorder and treatment disparities in the minority community (House, No. 4120).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission to study the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations due to the presence of pyrrhotite (House, No. 3593, changed in line 2 by striking out the following: “June 30” and inserting in place thereof the following: “December 31”).

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 786, a Bill studying flood storage and water quality improvements in the Alewife Brook watershed (House, No. 4114).

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. 4040, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4117) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4048, a Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4118) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain area in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston in memory of Carl E. Hosea, Jr. (House,

Linda Kenney,—
sick leave.

Acushnet,—
civil service.

Haverhill,—
Scott
Wood.

Jacqueline
Dayton,—
sick leave.

PTSD.

Minority
communities,—
substance use.

Crumbling
concrete.

Alewife
Brook
watershed.

Salem,—
liquor
license.

Holliston,—
liquor
license.

Dorchester,—
Carl Hosea.

No. 807).

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4109).

Christopher Trigilio,—
sick leave.

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

Emergency Measures.

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

Amanda Franczek,—
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 2 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 Senate) 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 Dawn Ball, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4091), 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.

Dawn Ball,—
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 2 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.

Engrossed Bill.

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) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, 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

Authorizing the town of Burlington to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3676) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

To authorize the conveyance of a fee interest in land in the town of Marion (House, No. 4038); and

Authorizing the town of Fairhaven to grant an additional license for the sale of

all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4086);

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 House Bill designating a certain bridge in the South Grafton section of the town of Grafton as the veterans memorial bridge (House, No. 3796) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Grafton,—
bridge.

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 designate forthwith a certain bridge in the South Grafton section of the town of Grafton, 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. 3796, 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 on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.