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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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of William M. "Fitzzy" Fitzgerald of South Boston.

William M.
"Fitzzy"
Fitzgerald.

Mr. Fitzgerald proudly and honorably served his country during the Korean War with the United States Army. A retired school teacher, Mr. Fitzgerald also spent over 50 years as a coach and youth mentor with the South Boston Babe Ruth League.

Beloved husband of Catherine (Friel) Fitzgerald and devoted brother to Eleanor and the late Mary Finneran, Edward "Buddy" Fitzgerald, Therese O'Neil, Joseph Fitzgerald, Gerard Fitzgerald, Louise McCormick and Frances Duggan, Mr. Fitzgerald was the devoted father of Teresa, Liam, and Eileen. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Christopher, Caitlin, Teagan, and Brigid, and many nieces and nephews.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to improve health care by investing in value (House, No. 4134), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, October 18.

Health
care.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Claire D. Cronin relative to health insurance coverage for epinephrine injectors.

Epinephrine,—
coverage.

By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan Hecht for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nelly Montanez, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Nelly
Montanez,—
sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92) of Daniel Cahill, Timothy R. Whelan and Sean Garballey relative to Division of Medical Assistance coverage for the treatment and continuity of care for patients living with HIV,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing.

HIV patients.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4115) of 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 recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing.

Boston,— zoning.

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 observing United States Navy Day (Senate, No. 1904, amended); and

Navy day.

House bills

Relative to job creation through employee ownership (House, No. 1661);

Ownership.

Amending certain liquor licenses in the town of Winchester (House, No. 3991) [Local Approval Received];

Winchester,— liquor licenses.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Susan St. Laurent, an employee of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation (House, No. 4110);

Susan St. Laurent.

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant 1 additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4141) [Local Approval Received]; and

Milford,— liquor license.

Authorizing the granting of one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, not to be drunk on the premises, in the city of Methuen (House, No. 4142) [Local Approval Received];

Methuen,— liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of the same member, 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 House, No. 50 and on a part of House, No. 27, a Bill relative to the use of electronic signatures under Chapter 32 (House, No. 50).

Electronic signatures.

By Ms. Campbell of Methuen, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a Deborah Sampson memorial commission (House, No. 4129).

Deborah Sampson,— commission.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1489 and House, No. 2312, a Bill further regulating group insurance benefits

State employee benefits.

for state employees and retired state employees (House, No. 2312).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1503 and House, No. 2346, a Bill relative to the veteran allowance for public retirees (House, No. 2346).

Veteran
retirement
allowance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1583 and House, No. 2360, a Bill relative to surviving family [sic] of emergency medical technicians (House, No. 2360).

Benefits,—
surviving
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 22 and on a part of House, No. 19, a Bill relative to veterans' buyback (House, No. 4143).

Veterans'
buyback.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Melinda Trudell, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 4130).

Melinda
Trudell,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3749, a Bill authorizing the retirement board of the city of Salem to retire Brian Benson, a police officer of the city of Salem (House, No. 4144) [Local Approval Received].

Brian
Benson,—
retirement.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to children's health and wellness (House, No. 4012, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Children,—
health.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Benson, Decker of Cambridge and Muratore of Plymouth were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Conference
committee.

The House Bill validating certain proceedings of the town of Sharon (printed in House, No. 3826), 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 nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.