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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Balsler of Newton and other members of the House) honoring the exemplary life and legacy of the former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Yitzhak
Rabin.

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

Petitions.

Ms. Hogan of Stow presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5075) of Kate Hogan (by vote of the town) that the town of Maynard be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Maynard,—
liquor
license.

Mr. McKenna of Webster presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to authorize the State Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Chris W. Jolda and Kevin P. Adams, members of the rescue service of the town of Webster; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Chris Jolda
and Kevin
Adams,—
creditable
service.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4198, amended), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 1, inserting after the word "contrary" the following: " , but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of said chapter 30B of the General Laws ". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Greenfield,—
land.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on the Judiciary be granted until November 12, 2020, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 313, 823, 825, 861, 899, 902, 937, 939, 978, 983, 989, 1041, 1209, 1385, 2457, 2480, 2571, 2644, 2815, 2818 and 2850, relative to judiciary matters.

Judiciary committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Cronin of Easton, the order (Senate, No. 2885), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance Program (Senate, No. 2934) (on Senate bill No. 2930), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Unemployment benefits.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn), was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A Bill ensuring safe patient access to emergency care (Senate, No. 2931) (on Senate bill No. 2767), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Emergency care,—
signage.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2933) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to temporarily extend the issuance of seasonal alcoholic licenses in the city of Gloucester. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Gloucester,—
liquor licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2928) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake, Susan L. Moran, Randy Hunt and other members of the General Court (with approval of the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners) for legislation to amend the charter for the regional government of Barnstable County. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Barnstable County,—
charter.

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 petition of James M. Murphy relative to certain insurance requirement relief during the Governor's COVID-19 emergency declaration. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

COVID-19,—
insurance requirements.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2021 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 5065) [Total appropriations: \$5,400,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Interim appropriations.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian Thompson, an employee of department of corrections (House, No. 5063), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Brian
Thompson,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 3511, 3512, 3513, 3514, 3515, 3516, 3517, 3518, 3519, 3521, 3523, 3524, 3525, 3526, 3527, 3528, 3529, 3530, 3531, 3532, 3533, 3534, 3537, 3540, 3597, 3598, 3646, 3704, 3751 and 4168, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Cannabis Policy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning cannabis in motor vehicles, sales and growing of cannabis, regulations and other issues relating to cannabis (House, No. 5042).

Cannabis
in motor
vehicles, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 28, 29, 37, 109, 191, 194, 195, 198, 201, 203, 204, 206, 208, 213, 216, 217, 219, 221, 223, 224, 226, 227, 228, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 257, 258, 259, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274, 275, 279, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 287, 288, 289, 290, 293, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 307, 309, 312, 313, 314, 316, 318, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 328, 329, 330, 332, 333, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 357, 358, 359, 360, 362, 363, 3548, 3599, 3600, 3648, 3707, 3708, 3753, 3798, 3807, 3829, 3966 and 4122, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning licensing, right to repair law, consumer safety and rights (House, No. 5043).

Licensing,
right to repair
law, etc.,—
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. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4998, a Bill directing the State Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Cheryl A. Bednarik (House, No. 5074). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cheryl
Bednarik,—
creditable
service.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to additional unemployment benefits for the neediest recipients currently excluded from the Lost Wages Assistance Program (see Senate, No. 2934), 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.

Unemployment
benefits.

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.

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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2021 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House bill printed in House, No. 5065) (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 Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham (House, No. 4927), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Waltham,—
land.

The Senate Bill classifying the Taunton Fire Department mechanic, Michael Perry, in connection with the determination of retirement benefits (Senate, No. 2624), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Taunton,—
Michael
Perry.

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

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 32 of the general laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, Michael Perry, a member of the Taunton retirement system, shall have his pension calculated pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 5 of said chapter 32, utilizing the highest allowable percent as shown in the table contained within said section. If Mr. Perry applies for a disability retirement pursuant to section 7 of said chapter 32, he shall be deemed eligible for the provisions of section 94B of said chapter 32.

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

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2624, 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 eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.