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Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Madaro of Boston 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. Madaro), 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 Mr. Arciero of Westford) honoring the memory of Edgar P. Romilly on the rededication of the Edgar P. Romilly Veterans Corner; and

Resolutions (filed by filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2498 on the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the National Service Bureau;

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

Edgar Romilly. VFW Post 2498.

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller providing an updated status on the filing of the 2019 Statutory Basis Financial Report, which has been delayed pending passage of the supplemental appropriation bill;

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 158 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting its status update on the extended-release injectable naltrexone pilot program [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Health Care Financing, Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, and Public Health as required by said law];

From the Human Resources Department of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a listing of civil service police promotional series eligible lists that have been revoked by the Personnel Administrator as of October 1, 2019;

From the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (see Section 15 of Chapter 23I of the General Laws) submitting an annual report and audit for the fiscal years ended on June 30, 2019 and 2018 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, and Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, as required by said law]; and

Statutory Basis Financial Report.

Naltrexone program.

Civil service lists.

Life Sciences Center. From the Special Legislative Commission to Study Pancreatic Cancer (see Section 78 of Chapter 119 of the Acts of 2015, as amended by Section 65 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report relative to its findings and recommendations regarding the study of pancreatic cancer prevention, screening, and education in the Commonwealth;

Severally were placed on file.

Pancreatic cancer.

Report.

A report of the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for the fiscal year 2019, was placed on file.

Worcester regional transit.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to establish a pilot program to authorize bus travel on the shoulder of Interstate 93 from the city of Boston to the New Hampshire border.

By Mr. González of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts collegiate athletic participation compensation act.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the bulk purchase of epinephrine auto-injectors.

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

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 Christine P. Barber and Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Judith Alexandre, an employee of Department of Children and Families; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jonathan Hecht for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nelly Montanez, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection:

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich, 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 Senate bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Validating actions taken in connection with an annual town meeting and an annual town election in the town of Westhampton (printed in Senate, No. 2327); and

Interstate 93,—bus travel.

College athletics,—compensation.

Epinephrine, bulk purchasing.

Judith Alexandre,—sick leave.

Nelly Montanez, sick leave.

Westhampton,—election.

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of West Bridgewater (Senate, No. 2361, amended) [Local Approval Received];

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

West Bridgewater, special police.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to provide identification to homeless youth and families (House, No. 3066). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Homeless,—identification.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3130). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Historic roadways.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to enhance agricultural operations (House, No. 2973).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to proactively protecting automotive drivers (House, No. 2990).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2994, 2998, 3046, 3059 and 3142, a Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (House, No. 2998).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to autocycle motor vehicle definition and operating requirements (House, No. 3002).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-speed vehicles (House, No. 3007).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3060 and 3084, a Bill relative to implementing the Massachusetts yellow dot program (House, No. 3060).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving the accessibility of certain Massport environmental data relative to East Boston (House, No. 3074).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts drivers license information (House, No. 3101).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a federal transit funding maximization fund (House, No. 3107).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to preserve historic markers (House, No. 3132).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to antique motor vehicle inspections (House, No. 3140).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish an office of maritime planning and policy development (House, No. 3144).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2989, a Bill to ensure benefits through enhanced selective service registration (House, No. 4180).

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 joint petition, a Bill exempting certain positions in the city known as the town of West Springfield from the civil service law (House, No. 4042) [Local Approval

Agricultural operations.

Driver protection.

School buses, safety.

Autocycles.

Low-speed vehicles.

Yellow dot program.

Massport, environmental data.

Licenses,—contacts.

Federal transit funding.

Historic markers.

Antique cars,—inspections.

Maritime development.

Selective service.

West Springfield, civil service. Received1.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the police chief of the town of Plainville from the civil service law (House, No. 4053) [Local Approval Received].

Plainville,—civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting certain positions in the police department of the town of Plainville from the civil service law (House, No. 4054) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing the George Washington memorial highway (House, No. 2974).

Agawam,— Washington highway.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2080 and House, Nos. 3011 and 3047, a Bill [sic] to historic route designations (House, No. 3047).

Historic routes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3068).

Speeding,—fines.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the move over law (House, No. 3584).

Move over law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3030, a Bill to prevent jaywalking (House, No. 4181).

Jaywalking.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to supply water to the town of Ashland (see House, No. 3852), 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.

Ashland,—water supply.

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.

Bill enacted.

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.

Susan St. Laurent, election.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Susan St. Laurent, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4156), 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.

Bill enacted.

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Orders of the Day.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency

House bills

Exempting all uniformed positions in the fire department of the town of Acushnet from the civil service law (House, No. 3916); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to employ Kevin D. Roy as fire chief beyond the statutory retirement age (House, No. 4071) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee 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 establishing a charter for the town of Medway (House, No. 3969), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Medway,—charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 2, in line 158, by striking out the words "parks and recreation commission,"; in line 159, by inserting after the word "board", the first time it appears, the words ", three members of the parks and recreation commission"; and in lines 326 to 329, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

"3-9-1 There shall be a housing authority composed of 5 members who shall be elected and appointed in accordance with the requirements of sections 5 and 5A of chapter 121B of the General Laws for the election and appointment of a housing authority in a town. The housing authority members shall serve for terms as provided in sections 5 and 5A of chapter 121B of the General Laws."

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3969, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Madaro of Boston being in the Chair), the House recessed until twelve o'clock noon; and at two minutes after twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Madaro in the Chair.

Recess.

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 two minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Madaro of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.