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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.

Resignation of Representative Brodeur of Melrose.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

November 15, 2019.

Mr. Steven T. James
Clerk, Massachusetts House of Representatives
24 Beacon St. – Room 145
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James,

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from the House of Representatives effective Monday, November 18, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Thank you for your guidance, friendship, and exemplary service to the House and our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
PAUL A. BRODEUR.

Resignation of
Representative
Paul A. Brodeur
of Melrose.

Change in Address of a Member.

Notice was received that the home town of record for Representative Smitty Pignatelli, formerly of Lee, has been changed (effective for General Court records as of November 18, 2019) to the town of Lenox.

Representative
Pignatelli of
Lenox.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cutler of Pembroke) congratulating Liam Keane of the town of Hanson on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Liam
Keane.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Reverend Victoria Alford Guest on the occasion of her retirement; and

Victoria Guest.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vega of Holyoke) honoring Joseph McGiverin on the occasion of him being named the William G. Dwight Award winner by the Holyoke Rotary Club;

Joseph McGiverin.

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. Wagner of Chicopee, 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 Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4208) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of certain property in said town; and

Truro,—
transfer fee.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4209) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to expand the exemption for residential property in said town;

Truro,—
exemption.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert A. DeLeo and Joseph A. Boncore that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to designate a certain park at Winthrop Beach as the Richard Honan park; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Winthrop,—
Honan
park.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Ms. Peake of Provincetown presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to enhance certified municipal energy plans; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Municipal
energy
plans.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to campaign finance (House, No. 4087, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2400. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Campaign
finance.

Bills

Authorizing the town of North Andover to grant an additional liquor license

North Andover,—

(Senate, No. 2353) (on Senate, No. 2262) [Local Approval Received];
 Providing for the exchange of certain park land in the town of Rockland (Senate, No. 2374) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and
 Amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to make it gender neutral and to further regulate town operations (Senate, No. 2406) (on Senate bill No. 1203) [Local Approval Received];
 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.

liquor license.
 Rockland,—
 land.
 Ipswich—
 charter.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2250) of the House Bill requiring the hands-free use of mobile telephones while driving (House, No. 3793, amended), reported a bill with the same title (House, No. 4203).

Distracted
 driving.

Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2377) of the House Bill relative to children's health and wellness (House, No. 4012, amended), reported a bill with the same title (House, No. 4210).

Children,—
 wellness.

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

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, they were placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, in each instance, being on acceptance.

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 Nicholas A. Boldyga and Donald F. Humason, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Shannon Ondras, an employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Shannon
 Ondras,—
 sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David Biele relative to the expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

BCEC,—
 expansion.

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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Cohasset (Senate, No. 2230, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

Cohasset,—
 investments.

House bills

Designating a certain pavilion shelter on the Esplanade in the city of Boston as the Priebatsch pavilion (House, No. 4124);

Boston,—
 pavillion.

Designating certain areas of the World War II Memorial in the city of Boston in memory of Edward J. Morrissey, John J. Mullen and Joseph P. Murphy (House, No. 4194); and

Boston,—
World War II
memorial.

Establishing a memorial bench in Pope John Paul II Park in the city of Boston in memory of Robert M. “Bobby” Mudge (House, No. 4195);

Boston,—
Mudge bench.

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 463 and House, No. 763, a Bill to protect Massachusetts pollinators (House, No. 763). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pollinators.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 862, a Bill designating a certain playground in the city of Chelsea as the Jack W. Fraser memorial playground (House, No. 4015).

Chelsea,—
Fraser
playground.

By Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans housing advantage (House, No. 3777).

Veterans
housing.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Kiley, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2373), 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.

Recess.

At nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at half past two o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel Kiley, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2373), 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.

Daniel
Kiley,—
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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-eight minutes before three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.