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Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Tucker of Salem 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. Tucker), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor— Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment of section 3 of the engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects [see House, No. 5102, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5130), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, November 10.

Supplemental
appropriations,—
amendment.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, said section (published in bill form, see House, No. 5129) was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment.”

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by the Governor, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Revenue be granted until Tuesday, December 15, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2924.

Revenue,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5142), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Thursday, December 31, 2020 within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 5062.

Housing,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5143), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of

Mr. Honan, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gouveia of Acton and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5144) of Tami L. Gouveia and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Concord be authorized to grant additional liquor licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Concord,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5145) of Tami L. Gouveia and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to a permanent senior means tested property tax exemption in the town of Concord. To the committee on Revenue.

Concord,—
property tax
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Keith Trudell, an employee of the Department of Mental Health, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Keith
Trudell,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2954) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 Jonathan D. Zlotnik that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to lease a certain parcel of land on the Mount Wachusett Community College campus in the city of Gardner to Heywood Healthcare Inc. 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Gardner,—
land.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 1756, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1770, 1772, 1780, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1791, 1796, 1797, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1810, 1812, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1824, 1825, 1830, 1836, 3669, 3903 and 4247, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning miscellaneous municipalities matters (House, No. 5127).

Miscellaneous
municipalities
matters,—
study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 2388, 2389, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2404, 2407, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2413, 2415, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2422, 2424, 2425, 2430, 2433, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2448, 2453, 2454, 2459, 2460,

Revenue
matters,—
study.

2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2482, 2484, 2485, 2488, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2495, 2496, 2498, 2501, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2508, 2509, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2518, 2520, 2521, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2545, 2546 and 2547, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning revenue matters (House, No. 5128).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 799, 2964, 2965, 2971, 2984, 2986, 3004, 3008, 3044, 3051, 3055, 3056, 3072, 3078, 3122, 3152, 3158, 3159, 3161, 3163, 3185, 3187, 3192, 3733, 3734, 3895 and 3917, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning vehicles and roads (House, No. 5126).

Vehicles
and roads,—
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. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Oxford to remove a certain residency requirement (House, No. 4901, changed in line 2 by striking out the figures: "65" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "64") [Local Approval Received].

Oxford,—
residency
requirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Swansea water district elections (House, No. 5076).

Swansea
water district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Tri-Town water district (House, No. 5077).

Tri-Town
water district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to establish an economic development funding program and fund (House, No. 5092) [Local Approval Received].

Holliston,—
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 5093) [Local Approval Received].

Lynnfield,—
select board.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5048, a Bill allowing the town of Wakefield to employ retired police officers as special police officers (House, No. 5147) [Local Approval Received].

Wakefield,—
special
police.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carissa Sinclair, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 4875), 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.

Carissa
Sinclair,—
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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marshall Bickford, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Senate, No. 2925) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

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. Tucker of Salem being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.