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Friday, November 22, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at a half past twelve o'clock noon, 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.

Statement of Representative Decker of Cambridge.

A statement of Ms. Decker of Cambridge was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber during the evening of Wednesday, November 20, 2019 and early morning of Thursday, November 21, 2019. If I had been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on roll calls numbered 136 to 142, inclusive.

Statement of
Ms. Decker of
Cambridge.

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 Michael Doucette of the town of Hanson on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Michael
Doucette.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Alexander B. Fedak on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander
Fedak.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating William Michael Maritan on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

William
Maritan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Gregory Marshall on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Gregory
Marshall.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Sullivan of Abington) congratulating Michael J. Sullivan on the occasion of his induction into the Holbrook Hall of Fame;

Michael
Sullivan.

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

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; and

Statutory Basis
Financial
Report.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 81 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report relative to recommendations of the Interpreters Task Force;

Interpreters
Task
Force.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Office of the Child Advocate (under Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) relative to the office’s accomplishments and activities for fiscal year 2019; and

Child
advocate.

Of the Nantucket 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; and

Nantucket
Regional
transit.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth’s Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through October 2019;

Unemployment
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2421) of Patricia D. Jehlen and Christine P. Barber (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further defining the purposes of the affordable housing trust in the city of Somerville. To the committee on Housing.

Somerville,—
affordable
housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2419) of Dean A. Tran and Stephan Hay (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize removing an easement interest in a certain portion of parkland located at 0 Elm Street in the city of Fitchburg from the protection of Article 97 of the Constitution. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Fitchburg,—
land.

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 Michael S. Day and Sheila C. Harrington relative to the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Judiciary,—
technology.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Senate Bill concerning health insurance benefits for surviving spouses of firefighters in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 1483) [Local Approval Received],

Boston,—
spousal
benefits.

ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the House Bill relative to physician assistant non-competes (House, No. 1686), ought to pass. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Physician assistants,—non-competes.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following bills ought to pass:

Bill relative to mental health parity implementation (House, No. 910) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Mental health.

Bill relative to postpartum depression screening (House, No. 1879) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Postpartum screening.

Bill relative to the health care of minors (House, No. 1962) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Minors,—health care.

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

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 615, a Bill to preserve special needs trusts for disabled seniors (House, No. 4227) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Disabled seniors,—trusts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1853, a Bill relative to fail first and patient safety (House, No. 4228) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Patient safety.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Pelham (House, No. 4101);

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Holliston to convert a certain liquor license (House, No. 4118) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jay D. Perry, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4169);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty-seven minutes before one o'clock P.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 twenty-eight minutes after four o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill validating certain proceedings of the town of Sharon (see House bill printed in House, No. 3826) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a half past four 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 Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.