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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to voting options for the city of Newton in response to COVID-19 (House, No. 5111), was filed with the Clerk on Tuesday, November 24.

Newton,—
voting
options.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to the municipal caucus in the town of Bedford (House, No. 5158), was filed this day in the office of the Clerk.

Bedford,—
municipal
caucus.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5156) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) relative to the Historic Districts Commission in the town of Lexington; and

Lexington,—
historic
districts.

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5155) of Todd M. Smola, Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Ware be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to selectboard in said town.

Ware,—
select
board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5154) of Todd M. Smola, Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of fire officers and firefighters in the town of Ware. To the committee on Public Service.

Ware,—
fire
appointments.

By Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5157) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) relative to property tax deferrals in the town of Lexington. To the committee on Revenue.

Lexington,—
tax deferrals.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Keefe of Worcester and Senator Chandler presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mary S. Keefe and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tonita Poston, an employee of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Tonita
Poston,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Order relative to extending until Friday, November 20, 2020 the time within which the committee on Higher Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4669), came from the Senate adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the following: “Friday, November 20” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Thursday, December 31”.

Higher
Education
committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4891, 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 2961. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Chelsea,—
land.

A Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Randolph to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of wine or malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2929) (on Senate, No. 2837) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Randolph,—
liquor
licenses.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 498, 1201, 1203, 1207, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1225, 1227, 1228, 1232, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1239, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1246, 1249 and 3604, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning financial aid and tuition (House, No. 5125) [Senator Pacheco dissenting].

Financial aid
and tuition,—
study.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 66, 1343, 1358, 1372, 1383, 1487, 1538, 3263, 3265, 3266, 3274, 3367, 3420, 3422, 3452, 3770, 4884 and 4944, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning judiciary matters (House, No. 5148) [Representative Sullivan of Abington dissenting].

Judiciary,—
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 a petition, a Bill relative to certain civil service positions in the Agawam public schools (House, No. 5069) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Agawam,—
civil
service.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marshall Johnson, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (see House, No. 5019) (which originated in the House), 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.

The engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of West Boylston to select board (see House, No. 4214) (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.

Id.

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 six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Ryan of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.