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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Declan Higgins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Declan
Higgins.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Declan Timothy Lynch on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Declan
Lynch.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2389) of Michael O. Moore and Hannah Kane (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to affordable housing in the town of Shrewsbury, came from the Senate referred, under the suspension of Joint Rule 7B, to the committee on Housing.

Shrewsbury,—
affordable
housing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition [sic] was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 2431) of Paul R. Feeney and others for legislation to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on the campuses of state colleges, community colleges and state universities. To the committee on Higher Education.

Public higher
education,—
safety.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate No. 2432) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to provide for a study of noise impacts from the confluence of Interstate 495 and Route 28. To the committee on Transportation.

Andover,—
traffic noise.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 138, a Bill relative to fair pay for comparable work (House, No. 4236). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing. Human service providers,— fair pay.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill relating to hotel zones in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 2932). Boston,— hotel zones.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows (House, No. 2934, changed in section 1, in lines 14 and 15, by striking out the word “primate; and (d) Ursidae.” and inserting in place thereof the words “primate; (d) Ursidae; and (e) Giraffidae.”). Animals,— traveling shows.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a design certification program for cultural facilities and programming (House, No. 2935). Cultural facilities and programming.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve to evaluate existing funding for the promotion of, and workforce development in, tourism, arts and culture (House, No. 2943). Tourism,— funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a cultural highway (House, No. 2944). Cultural highway.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to investments in tourism and visitation marketing and promotion (House, No. 2952). Tourism,— investments.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Shannon Ondras, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4215) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time. Shannon Ondras,— sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4237), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.