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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 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. Cabral of New Bedford) congratulating the Bay State Band on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary; and

Bay State
Band.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Capano of Lynn, Cahill of Lynn, Ehrlich of Marblehead and Wong of Saugus) congratulating the Lynn Yacht Club for its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Lynn Yacht
Club.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Nick Collins for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Natacha Grace, an employee of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Natacha
Grace,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2967) 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 Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of the Nickerson State Park in the town of Brewster to said town. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition

Brewster,—
land.

(accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Amending Chapter 306 of the Acts of 2018 (House, No. 5047) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing the Tri-Town Water District (House, No. 5077);

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

Marlborough,—
liquor licenses.
Tri-Town.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the city of Medford to utilize funds received from the surrounding community agreement entered into between the city of Medford and Wynn MA LLC for the purposes set forth in the agreement (House, No. 4645) [Local Approval Received];

Medford,—
funds.

Relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Erving (House, No. 4966) [Local Approval Received];

Erving,—
select board.

Relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Dighton (House, No. 4984) [Local Approval Received];

Dighton,—
select board.

Relative to increased city council oversight of finances in the city of Methuen (House, No. 5009) [Local Approval Received]; and

Methuen,—
finances.

Authorizing the town of Dedham to grant one additional license for the sale of wine and malt to be drunk on premises (House, No. 5068) [Local Approval Received];

Dedham,—
liquor
license.

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

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4725) of Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Jason M. Lewis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Melrose be authorized to convert up to three licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises to licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises; and

Melrose,—
liquor
licenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4952) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Webster,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the reports were considered forthwith. Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the reports, the petitions were recommitted, on motion of the same member.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 396, 400, 405, 406, 407, 408, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 421, 422, 424, 425, 426, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 434, 435, 438, 439, 440, 441, 444, 447, 452, 454, 455, 456, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 467, 469, 471, 472, 473, 478, 479, 482, 487, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 496, 499, 505, 506, 507, 509, 511, 514, 515, 517, 518, 519, 521, 523, 524, 526, 527, 528, 530, 531, 532, 533, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 547, 549, 550, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 567, 568, 569, 572, 573, 574, 581, 582, 583, 587, 588, 589, 590, 592, 593, 3550, 3601, 3632, 3649, 3710, 3756, 3758, 3760, 3761, 3853, 3871, 3872, 3911, 3919, 3920 and 4275, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to education matters (House, No. 5159). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Education
matters,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dunstable to convey certain land to the Evangelical Church of Dunstable (House, No. 5121) [Local Approval Received].

Dunstable,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Becket (House, No. 5122) [Local Approval Received].

Becket,—
select
board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Ware selectboard (House, No. 5155) [Local Approval Received].

Ware,—
selectboard.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the historic districts commission in the town of Lexington (House, No. 5156) [Local Approval Received].

Lexington,—
historic
districts.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the city of Boston to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4549), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Boston,—
liquor
license.

Senate bills

Further regulating appointments to city offices in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2411); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to special police in the town of Weston (Senate, No. 2699);

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, in concurrence.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the hidden wounds memorial bridge (House, No. 4761);

Id.

Removing certain positions from Massachusetts civil service law in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4864) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Ashfield to a select board (House, No. 4948); and

Relative to the authority of the town manager in the town of Upton (House, No. 4986);

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 sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at three minutes before three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bills.

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Further regulating appointments to city offices in the city of Gloucester (see Senate, No. 2411);

Relative to special police in the town of Weston (see Senate, No. 2699);

(Which severally originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the city of Boston to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4549, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bills
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at one o'clock P.M.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Next
sitting.

At one minute 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 one o'clock P.M.