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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. Cutler of Pembroke) honoring Marilyn V. Patton on her many years of teaching dance at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and

Marilyn
Patton.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis of Framingham and other members of the House) celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations;

United
Nations.

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.

Communication.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 225 CMR 14 and 225 CMR 15, Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Regulations Class I and II (House, No. 5169), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Division of
Energy
Resources,—
regulations.

Petition.

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad, Steven S. Howitt and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of members of the Swansea Redevelopment Authority; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Swansea
Redevelopment
Authority.

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

Charles
Harrison,—

the petition (accompanied by bill) of Joseph D. McKenna, Paul K. Frost and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Charles Harrison, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. 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 Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

sick leave.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Becket (House, No. 5122) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Becket,—
selectmen.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Senate Bill providing certain retirement benefits to the widow of police captain Richard Basteri of the city of Everett (Senate, No. 2914) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Everett,—
Richard
Basteri.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 4947, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning a moratorium of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (House, No. 5137) [Senator Hinds and Representative Carey of Easthampton dissenting].

MCAS
moratorium,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4882, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning regional school district agreements (House, No. 5138) [Senator Hinds dissenting].

Regional
schools,—
study.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on House, Nos. 609, 610 and 3830, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning resident health and safety in long term care facilities and financial stability of nursing homes (House, No. 5134).

Long term
care and
nursing homes,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 618, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning wages, benefits and related employee costs of direct care staff of licensed nursing homes (House, No. 5135) [Senator Pacheco dissenting].

Nursing
home staff,—
study.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 4718, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning COVID-19 rental rates (House, No. 5141) [Senator Chandler and Representative Capano of Lynn dissenting].

COVID-19
rental rates,—
study.

By Mr. Hay of Fitchburg, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 4907, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning authorizing the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to establish a works progress to employ certain unemployed residents (House, No. 5136).

Unemployed
residents,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 4739, 4743 and 4749, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning essential workers suffering from COVID-19, COVID-19 unemployment benefits for non-profits and workers' compensation for emergency responders and medical personnel related to COVID-19 (House, No. 5139).

COVID-19
workforce
issues,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1681, 3809, 4563, 4564, 4565, 4567 and 4754, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning au pairs' living and working arrangements (House, No. 5140).

Au pairs,—
study.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 4217, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (House, No. 5133).

Convention
center,—
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. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to alcohol license renewal relief due to COVID-19 (House, No. 5114). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Businesses,—
alcohol
licenses.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill to provide relief to pouring establishments during COVID-19 (House, No. 5113).

COVID-19,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5115, a Bill relative to consumer protection on online automobile franchise transactions (House, No. 5167).

Automobile
franchises.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5163, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tonita Poston, an employee of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation (House, No. 5168).

Tonita
Poston,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 4331);

Relative to retirement benefits for Richard Drury (House, No. 4779); and

Establishing the Tri-Town water district (House, No. 5077);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Ware to exempt Christopher Scott Romani from the maximum age requirement for applying for civil service appointment as a police officer (House, No. 4010), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Ware,—
Christopher
Romani.

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. 5170), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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