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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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4244) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) that the town of Mattapoisett be authorized to assess certain solar or wind systems. To the committee on Revenue.

Mattapoisett,—
tax assessment.

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4245) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated school zones within said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Salem,—
speed limit.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Leah Reed, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Leah Reed,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Wong of Saugus, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald H. Wong for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Brown, an employee of MassHealth.

Susan
Brown,—
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Andover to convey a portion of a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 2326) (on House, No. 4037) [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.

Andover,—
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 joint petition of William M. Straus, Michael J. Rodrigues and Marc R. Pacheco

Old Rochester
Regional
School
District.

for legislation to authorize the Old Rochester Regional School District to enter into renewable energy agreements. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. 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:

Relative to tax title expense (House, No. 1777);

Relative to variances (House, No. 1799);

Relative to the charter of the town of Westwood (House, No. 4166) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Clinton (House, No. 4167) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey certain town owned conservation land to Mark and Donna Lopez (House, No. 4191) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the city known as the town of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4198) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing for the renaming of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of West Boylston (House, No. 4214) [Local Approval Received];

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

Tax titles.

Zoning.

Westwood,—
charter.

Clinton,—
commission.

Mashpee,—
land.

Greenfield,—
land.

West Boylston,—
select board.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Cpl. Lawrence L. Lukasevicius memorial bridge (House, No. 3191). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Gardner,—
Lukasevicius
bridge.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jay D. Perry, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 4169), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Jay Perry,—
sick leave.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill making the charter of the town of Andover gender neutral (see House, No. 3985) (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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing Scott Wood to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 3994), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at a quarter after two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.