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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.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of William N. Brownsberger and Jonathan Hecht for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Aurora Wilber, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Aurora
Wilber,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2437) 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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to the cancellation of certain physical fitness services. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Fitness
services,—
cancellation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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; and

Leah Reed,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to direct the State Retirement Board to retire Jamie J. Magarian, a member of the Department of State Police, at the regular rate of compensation;

Jamie
Magarian,—
retirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marjorie C. Decker for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September 14 as plastic pollution action day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Plastic
pollution
day.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1976) of Michael J. Moran and others relative to security risks at health

Health care
facilities,—
security.

care facilities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to reform the distribution of unrestricted local aid (House, No. 1762). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Local aid.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to establish a Merrimack Valley River district council (House, No. 1809). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Merrimack
Valley River
council.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal deposits (House, No. 1763).

Municipal
deposits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans (House, No. 1820).

Veterans,—
parking.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to authorizing governmental bodies and other approved parties to use shared legal representation and consultants in matters of common interest (House, No. 1821).

Shared
legal
counsel.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assessor certificates (House, No. 1826).

Assessor
certificates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill supporting municipal fiscal stability through a special education stabilization fund (House, No. 1827).

Special
education,—
funding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maintenance of private roads, beaches and amenities in municipalities (House, No. 1829).

Private
roads, etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to allow municipalities to invest in credit unions (House, No. 1838).

Credit union
investments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Shutesbury to convey certain land (House, No. 4221) [Local Approval Received].

Shutesbury,—
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board (House, No. 4222) [Local Approval Received].

Chelmsford,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Westford home rule charter (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received].

Westford,—
charter.

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

Recess.

At four 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 three minutes before nine o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Suspension of Rule 1A.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then placed before the House the question on suspension of Rule 1A in order that the House might continue to meet beyond the hour of nine o'clock P.M.; and, there being no objection, Rule 1A was suspended.

Suspension
of Rule 1A.

Recess.

At two minutes before nine o'clock P.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 twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock A.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2418) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4132, published as amended), reported, in part, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4246) [Total appropriation: \$541,932,535.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported, that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the report (having been approved by the House and Senate committees on Bills in the Third Reading) was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4246), 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.

Supplemental
appropriations.

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 2 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.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At one minute after twelve o'clock A.M. (Thursday, December 12), on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (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.