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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.

Message from the Governor — Disapprovals in Supplemental Appropriation Bill.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his disapproval of sections 8, 9, 38, and 100 of 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] (for message, see House, No. 4252), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 13.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Alexander Barbour on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander
Barbour.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Daniel Fagan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel
Fagan.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Connor Witengier on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Connor
Witengier.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Martin Wyndham IV on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Martin
Wyndham.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Orrall of Lakeville and other members of the House) congratulating William P. Cavanaugh on the occasion of his retirement from the Massachusetts Trial Court Plymouth County Probation Department; and

William
Cavanaugh.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Richard McLaughlin on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Police Department in the town of Belmont;

Richard
McLaughlin.

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

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Health (see Section 85 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting a report relative to the status of providing services to children who are identified with lead poisoning through clinical case management services and environmental code enforcement, entitled “Comparative Funding Analysis for the Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program”;

Lead poisoning prevention,—children.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled “Report on Economic Independence Accounts” [copies were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and

DTA,—economic independence.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the 2019 annual report (accompanied by financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019) [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law];

Clean Energy Center.

From the State Fatality Domestic Violence Review Team (see Section 4 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2014) submitting an annual report for the year 2018;

Domestic violence,—fatalities.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Reports.

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Of the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors’ reports for the fiscal year 2019;

Cape Cod Regional transit.

Of the Department of Public Health (under Section 237 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to the ongoing analysis of population health trends, the prioritization of opioid overdoses, and the establishment of the Public Health Data Warehouse, entitled “Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on High Risk Populations and Maternal Health: Results from the Public Health Data Warehouse”;

Opioid epidemic.

Of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors’ reports for the fiscal year 2019; and

Lowell Regional transit.

Of the Office of Performance Management and Innovation of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under Section 6(b) of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting the agency’s performance report for fiscal year 2019;

MassDOT,—performance report.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4254) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Plainfield be authorized to continue the

Plainfield,—David Alvord.

employment of fire chief David Alvord; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Carey of Easthampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel R. Carey relative to special education costs in public school districts.

Special
education.

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 that the State Retirement Board be directed to authorize June Tooley to purchase 16 years of creditable service.

June Tooley,—
creditable
service.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to financial exploitation of certain adults with disabilities.

Adults with
disabilities,—
exploitation.

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

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 Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to further regulate eligibility for medical use marijuana. To the committee on Cannabis Policy.

Medical
marijuana,—
eligibility.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to establishing and implementing a food and health pilot program for certain MassHealth enrollees diagnosed with diet-related health conditions. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

MassHealth,—
food and health
pilot program.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brian W. Murray, Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to establish a medal of loyalty for the next of kin of certain service members who died in service while in the line of duty or who died as a result of wounds received in service while in the line of duty. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Medal
of loyalty.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally 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 courtesy retail parking spaces designed for non-handicapped veterans (House, No. 1820);

Parking,—
veterans.

Authorizing the town of Shutesbury to convey certain land (House, No. 4221) [Local Approval Received];

Shutesbury,—
land.

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]; and

Chelmsford,—
select board.

Relative to Westford home rule charter [sic] (House, No. 4235) [Local Approval Received];

Westford,—
charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were

ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to early-onset Alzheimer's disease (House, No. 598).

Alzheimer's,—
early onset.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing dental care to senior citizens (House, No. 602).

Seniors,—
dental care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 367 and House, No. 614, a Bill to improve Alzheimer's' [sic] and dementia care in senior care options programs (House, No. 614, changed in line 9 by striking out the words "care consultant" and inserting in place thereof the word "caregiver").

Alzheimer's
and dementia.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Crossen Jr. an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3975), 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.

Robert
Crossen,—
sick leave.

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 4 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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Providing for special police officers in the city of Leominster (House, No. 4098); and

Third
reading
bills.

Preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (House, No. 4152);

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.

The House Bill establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Ashland (House, No. 3953), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Ashland,—
fund.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 2. The treasurer of the town of Ashland shall, until such time as the Economic Development Special Revenue Fund ceases to exist, provide an annual financial report to the town of Ashland, which shall be publicly posted on or before October 1 of each year. The annual financial report shall specifically include: (i) all Fund revenues; (ii) Fund receipts; (iii) the amount of grants made from the Fund;

(iv) the specific amounts of loans made by the Fund and to whom such loans were made; and (v) the balance of money in the Economic Development Special Revenue Fund at the end of each fiscal year.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3953, amended) 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 twenty minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Harrington of Groton (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.