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Thursday, December 19, 2019.

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 — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill establishing additional powers for municipal light boards [see House, No. 4069] (for message, see House, No. 4253), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, December 16.

Municipal
light
boards.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Balser of Newton and other members of the House) recognizing the celebration of Chanukah 2019, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Chanukah.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Balser, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Report.

A report of the Forensic Science Oversight Board of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 9 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) relative to the results of a comprehensive audit of the facilities and practices being utilized for criminal forensic analysis, the operation and management of the Massachusetts state police crime laboratories, and its findings and recommendations, was placed on file.

Forensic
Science
Oversight
Board.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Capano of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter Capano and Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Edwards, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Susan Edwards,—
sick leave.

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste and others for legislation to establish a Massachusetts Cold War victory medal.

Cold War
victory
medal.

By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carolyn C. Dykema and John Losch relative to the senior property tax deferral program.

Seniors,—
tax deferral.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to authorize the Department of Children and Families to establish an electronic repository of foster youths educational records.

Foster
youths,—
records.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to banks and banking (House, No. 4176), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2438; striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Banks and
banking.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate banks and banking, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act further regulating banks and banking.”.

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1171) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to municipal authority to address congestion and emission impacts of TNCs, and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Transportation,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Transportation
network
companies.

A petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 2439) of Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) that the town of Mattapoisett be authorized to assess certain solar or wind systems, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Mattapoisett,—
tax assessment.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2441) of Dee Lu for legislation relative to ethics in organ transplants. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Organ
transplants.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2442) of Marc R. Pacheco and Norman J. Orrall for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Robert Aronosky, an employee of the Worcester County House of Correction. To the committee on

Robert
Aronosky,—
sick leave.

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 Daniel R. Carey relative to special education costs in public school districts. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, 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.

Special
education,—
costs.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the House Bill to allow municipalities to invest in credit unions (House, No. 1838),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Credit
unions.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill establishing an interagency PFAS task force (House, No. 3851), ought to pass with an amendment substituting a bill with the same title (House, No. 4256). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

PFAS,—
task force.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Glidden, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4250). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Amy
Glidden,—
sick leave.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bill was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the same member moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of children and families, therefore it is hereby declared to be an

emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4250, amended) then was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to municipal deposits (House, No. 1763), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Municipal
deposits.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred to the committee on Financial Services, on motion of Mr. Murphy of Weymouth. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Resolve providing for the erection in the House Chamber of a memorial containing the text of the address which Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. delivered to a joint convention of the 2 branches of the General Court on April 22, 1965 [sic] (House, No. 2799), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Martin Luther
King, Jr.,—
plaque.

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

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on House, No. 616, a Bill establishing a statewide financial literacy program special commission (House, No. 4255). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Financial
literacy.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to recall elections in the town of Charlton (House, No. 4034) [Local Approval Received].

Charlton,—
recall
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at the annual town election held in the town of Dudley (printed in House, No. 4058).

Dudley,—
election.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Boston to limit buildings according to their use or construction to specified districts (House, No. 4115) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
housing.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karyn Buckley, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4251).

Karyn
Buckley,—
sick leave.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing municipalities to expend certain funds for the acquisition of land to be used for rail trails (House, No. 1790).

Rail trails.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Racquel Cardoza, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4200), reported

Third
reading
bill.

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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

Representative Peisch of Wellesley then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of David H. Locke, a member of the House from Wellesley from 1961 to 1968, inclusive, and a member of the Senate from 1969 to 1992, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.