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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.

Resignation of Representative Benson of Lunenburg.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

December 19, 2019.

Steven James
Clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. James,

It is with great sadness that after 11 years of service to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and to the constituents of the 37th Middlesex District, I hereby notify you of my irrevocable decision to resign from office on January 8, 2020.

Resignation of
Representative
Benson of
Lunenburg.

It has been the honor of my life to serve my district and to work with you and the wonderful and dedicated public servants in the Massachusetts Great and General Court. I believe it is critical in a democracy to be willing to serve, and to support others in service. In that vein, I look forward to supporting the next Representative of the 37th Middlesex District in their endeavor to continue to improve the lives of all those in Massachusetts.

Please accept my gratitude for your service and friendship.

Sincerely,
JENNIFER E. BENSON
State Representative.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Riley D. Burke on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Riley
Burke.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Kristian M. Andersen on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kristian
Andersen.

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. Galvin, 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 Office of the Child Advocate (under Section 17 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the annual report of the Childhood Trauma Task Force entitled “Next Steps for Addressing Childhood Trauma: Becoming a Trauma-Informed and Responsive Commonwealth”, was placed on file.

Childhood
Trauma
Task Force.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4270) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Webster,—
liquor
license.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4271) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on premises; and

Dedham,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4272) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) relative to horse racing within the town of Great Barrington;

Great
Barrington,—
horse racing.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4273) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Weston. To the committee on Public Service.

Weston,—
special
police.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Vargas of Haverhill presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to establish a durable medical equipment board within the Board of Registration in Pharmacy; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Durable medical
equipment
board.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Hinsdale (House, No. 3679), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 2, in line 12, inserting after the word “terminated” the following: “; provided, however, that notwithstanding section 1, the incumbent appointed town treasurer shall be the first appointee to the new

Hinsdale,—
treasurer-
collector.

combined position of treasurer-collector and shall hold the office and perform the duties thereof until the expiration of the term for which the town treasurer was appointed, unless the incumbent sooner vacates that office. Thereafter, appointments to the position of treasurer-collector shall be made pursuant to section 1". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill relative to local housing authority board member elections (Senate, No. 2440) (on Senate bill No. 777), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Housing
board
members.

Bills

Regulating town meeting warrants in the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2283) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wareham,—
charter.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Elliot Brown, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Senate, No. 2415, amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Elliot
Brown,—
sick leave.

"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 executive office of health and human services, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.") (on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karyn Buckley, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4251), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Karyn
Buckley,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill to establish a task force to review housing production and equity in the Commonwealth (House, No. 1325) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Housing,—
production
and equity.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to smart growth multifamily housing production (House, No. 1251) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Multifamily
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1282) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Dwelling
units.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to smart growth school cost reimbursement (House, No. 1284) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

School
reimbursements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to

Single-family
homes.

single-family home construction (House, No. 1285) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to housing production (House, No. 1290) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing
production.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill setting a housing production goal for the Commonwealth (House, No. 1318) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing
production,—
goal.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1288, a Bill relative to housing reform (House, No. 4262) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing
reform.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3507, a Bill to promote housing choices (House, No. 4263) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing
choices.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1250) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Dwelling
units.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to accessory dwelling units (House, No. 1277) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to smart growth housing production (House, No. 1280) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing
production

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to expedite multifamily housing construction (House, No. 1281) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Housing
construction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating site plan review (House, No. 1289) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Site plan
review.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to zoning density (House, No. 1299) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Zoning
density.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill abolishing the sewer commission of the town of Royalston (see House, No. 4068) (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.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to make it gender neutral and to further regulate town operations (Senate, No. 2406), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Designating a certain playground in the city of Chelsea as the Jack W. Fraser Memorial Playground (House, No. 4015); and

Establishing a memorial bench in Pope John Paul II Park in the city of Boston in memory of Robert M. “Bobby” Mudge (House, No. 4195); and

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 (House, No. 2799);

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 and
resolve.

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 seven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.