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Thursday, December 26, 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.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Representative Kane of Shrewsbury to the special commission established (under Section 16W of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) for the study and making of recommendations relative to services for unaccompanied homeless youth.

Unaccompanied
homeless youth
commission.

Communication.

A communication from the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund (WCTF) (see Section 2WWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting an annual report for the fiscal year 2019, was placed on file.

Workforce
Competitiveness
Trust Fund.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 [copies of the report were forwarded to the Speaker and the House committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with said law]; and

Clean
Water
Trust.

Of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 202 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the annual report of the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee;

Restorative
justice
committee.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Mr. Williams of Springfield presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4277) of Bud L. Williams (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to convert the use of park land at DeBerry Park for a new DeBerry and Homer Street elementary school and to replace it with additional park land in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Springfield,—
land.

Mrs. Ciccolo of Lexington presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others relative to the application of the domestic workers bill of rights as it pertains to au pairs; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Au pairs,—
rights.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Boxford to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2366) (on Senate, No. 2261) [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.

Boxford,—
liquor
licenses.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2445) of Edward J. Kennedy (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to repeal Chapter 46 of the Acts of Two Thousand and Seventeen, wherein certain parcels of land in the city of Lowell were transferred for the construction of a high school. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Lowell,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2444) of Michael D. Brady and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt Matthew M. Clancy from Section 91 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws. To the committee on Public Service.

Plympton,—
Matthew
Clancy.

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 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; and

Foster
youths,—
records.

Petition (accompanied by bill) Paul McMurtry and others relative to financial exploitation of certain adults with disabilities;

Adults with
disabilities,—
exploitation.

Severally to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, 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 report of the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1807) of Marc T. Lombardo and Shaunna L. O'Connell for legislation to prohibit cities or towns from failing to enforce federal immigration laws by designating themselves as sanctuary cities and to withhold unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns for non-compliance, be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Sanctuary
cities.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Naughton of Clinton, the report was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was referred, on

further motion of the same member, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to facilitating the utilization of psychologists on the health care team (House, No. 1844).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to out-of-hospital birth access and safety (House, No. 1948).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters, and public schools (House, No. 1959).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote public safety and certainty related to child deaths (House, No. 3499)

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1219 and House Nos. 1865 and 1991, a Bill to assure informed consent for pelvic examinations of anesthetized or unconscious patients (House, No. 4265).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1856, a Bill relative to agricultural commission input on board of health regulations (House, No. 4266).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1919, a Bill regulating central service technicians (House, No. 4267)

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1934, a Bill to create a Massachusetts rare disease advisory council (House, No. 4268).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1992, a Bill relative to dental licensing exams (House, No. 4269).

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

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 761, 826 and 3922, a Bill relative to environmental justice in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4264). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 4159) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill designating a park at the crest of Winthrop Beach as the Richard Honan Park (House, No. 4216).

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

Psychologists.

Birth
safety.

Menstrual
products,—
access.

Child
deaths.

Pelvic
examinations,—
consent.

Health
regulations,—
input.

Service
technicians.

Rare disease
council.

Dental
licensing.

Environmental
justice.

Nantucket,—
water.

Winthrop,—
Honan park.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (see House, No. 4152), 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

Group
insurance
plans.

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.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Ipswich to make it gender neutral and to further regulate town operations (see Senate, No. 2406) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Burlington to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3676);

Exempting certain positions in the city known as the town of West Springfield from the civil service law (see House, No. 4042); and

Authorizing the town of Swansea to grant additional alcoholic beverage licenses (see House, No. 4085, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.