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Monday, December 30, 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.

## *Communication.*

A communication from the Office of the Attorney General (see Section 74 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017) submitting its status update on the joint report of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission and the Office of the Attorney General relative to their investigation and study as required by statute, was placed on file.

Cannabis  
Control,—  
status update.

## *Annual Reports.*

### *Annual reports*

Of the Advanced Manufacturing Futures Program (under Section 45 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting the eighth annual report including a current assessment of the progress of each program funded through the manufacturing grant program and the progress of the advanced manufacturing collaborative activity [copies were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the joint committees on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law];

Manufacturing  
grants  
program.

Of the Department of Correction (under Section 1(p) of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting strategic plan goals, accomplishments, activities and performance measures for calendar year 2018; and

Corrections,—  
strategic plan.

Of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (under Section 4 of Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010) submitting its annual reports for the Office of Performance Management and Oversight for the fiscal year 2019;

Performance  
management  
and oversight.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Order.*

The following order (filed this day by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

*Ordered,* That, the House irrevocably accepts the resignation, dated December 19, 2019 and effective January 8, 2020, of Jennifer E. Benson as the Representative in the General Court from the Thirty-Seventh Middlesex District, and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of Representative from that district is vacant as of January 8, 2020; and be it further

Thirty-Seventh  
Middlesex  
Representative  
District,—  
time for election  
to fill vacancy.

*Ordered*, That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy that shall exist in the office of Representative in the General Court from said Thirty-Seventh Middlesex District shall designate Tuesday, March 31, 2020, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

#### *Petitions.*

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4283) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) that the town of Chester be authorized to convert the positions of town treasurer, town tax collector, and town clerk from elected positions to appointed positions; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chester,—  
appointed  
positions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste and others relative to legislative approval for certain agencies to engage in certain transportation climate initiatives.

Climate  
initiative  
participation.

By Mr. Markey of Dartmouth (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shane Rose for legislation to prohibit spread pricing of prescription drugs.

Prescription  
drug pricing.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day that the Division of Family Health Services of the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish a certification process of autism specialty service providers.

Autism service  
providers,—  
certification.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A petition of Bruce E. Tarr, Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Lisa Emma and Theodore C. Speliotis for legislation relative to creditable service for Lisa Emma, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Lisa Emma,—  
creditable service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2451) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

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:

Facilitating site plan review (House, No. 1289);

Sites reviews.

Relative to zoning density (House, No. 1299); and

Zoning.

Designating a park at the crest of Winthrop Beach as the Richard Honan Park (House, No. 4216);

Winthrop,—  
Honan park.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of

Stoughton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing a bone marrow registry for firefighter candidates (House, No. 2361). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Bone marrow  
registry.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on House Nos. 17 and 21 and on a part of House, Nos. 15 and 19, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 21).

Pension  
forfeiture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 52 and on a part of House, No. 27, a Bill relative to the pro rating of creditable service (House, No. 52).

Creditable  
service,—  
pro rating.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1595 and House, Nos. 2261, 2285 and 2381, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by contagious diseases;[sic] presumption (House, No. 2261).

Contagious  
diseases,—  
death.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill pertaining to firefighter disability (House, No. 2362).

Firefighter  
disability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to chapter 15A (House, No. 2373).

Higher  
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1542 and 1546 and House, No. 2378, a Bill relative to Parkinson's disease disability and death in firefighters (House, No. 2378).

Firefighters,—  
Parkinson's  
disease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4133, a Bill to preserve the practice of including annual payments in lieu of vacation as regular compensation for current retirees and active retirement system members where such benefit existed as of May 2018 (House, No. 4276).

Retirees,—  
compensation.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill to promote economic development in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2936).

Economic  
development.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1560 and House, No. 2173, a Bill relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2173).

Law  
enforcement,—  
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1515 and House, No. 2264, a Bill relative to death benefits to surviving spouses of call and volunteer firefighters (House, No. 2264).

Firefighters,—  
death benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 2339).

Firefighter  
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing additional compensation of an assistant municipal collector or assistant treasurer upon certification (House, No. 2352).

Municipal  
collectors and  
treasurers.

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

### *Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Oxford (see House, No. 3961); and  
Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of  
wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4141);  
(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.

Bills  
enacted.

*Order.*

There being no objection, the following order was adopted.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered*, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be  
authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for the sittings of Wednesday  
January 1, 2020 and Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Printing of  
Calendars.

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At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. DeLeo of  
Winthrop (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the  
2019 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first  
Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of His Excellency the  
Governor.]

Attest:



STEVEN T. JAMES,  
*Clerk.*