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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

During the session, Representative Wong of Saugus took the Chair and at the request of the Asian Caucus, the members and employees stood for a moment of silent prayer in memory of the victims of the mass shooting in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16, 2021, by a gunman who killed eight people, six of whom are women of Asian descent. The victims were Delaina Ashley Yuan (33), Xiaojie Tan (49), Daoyou Feng (44), Soon Chung Park (74), Hyun Jung Grant (51), Sun Cha Kim (69), Yong Ae Yue (63), and Paul Andre Michels (54), all of whom were part of a community, family members, and loved ones whose lives were ended too soon at the hands of a mass murderer.

Victims,—
Atlanta mass
shooting.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating the Needham Community Council on its 90th anniversary, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Needham
Community
Council.

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

Petitions.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) severally were presented and referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Lesser, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 94) of Brian M. Ashe and Eric P. Lesser (by vote of the town) for legislation to revoke the acceptance of a certain General Law establishing a board of election commissioners in the town of Longmeadow. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Longmeadow,—
election
commissioners.

By Representative Ehrlich of Marblehead and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 93) of Lori A. Ehrlich and Brendan P. Crighton (by vote of the town) relative to exempting all positions in the police department and fire

Swampscott,—
civil service.

department of the town of Swampscott from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (Senate, No. 37) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rachel
Pride,—
sick leave.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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. Wong of Saugus, 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, in concurrence.

A Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Daryle Lamonica (Senate, No. 33) (on a petition) [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.

Boston,—
Daryle
Lamonica.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 36) of Jason M. Lewis, Jack Patrick Lewis, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Sheila C. Harrington and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate the prevention of cruelty to farm animals (deposited with the Senate Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021), was referred, in concurrence, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Farm
animals,—
cruelty.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to allow the city of Gloucester to appoint retired police officers as special police officers, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Gloucester,—
special
police.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 15), 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.

Recess.

At twenty-seven minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at six o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Order relative to the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 192nd General Court governing the 2021-2022 legislative sessions (Senate, No. 14, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendment (striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House, No. 68, amended).

Joint Rules.

The order bore the further endorsement that the Senate had asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Lovely, Boncore and Fattman had been appointed as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the order was considered forthwith.

Committee of conference.

On motion of the same member, the House insisted on its amendment; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Cronin of Easton, Galvin of Canton and Frost of Auburn were appointed as the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

The House Bill financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 90), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 38. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn.

Unemployment insurance.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 95; and the further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 15), 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.

Michael Rodrigues,—
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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rachel Pride, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (see Senate, No. 37), 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.

Rachel Pride,—
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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 90, amended), 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.

Unemployment
insurance.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at one o'clock P.M.

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes before seven o'clock P.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 one o'clock P.M.