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Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at one o'clock P.M., under emergency rules, 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.

At the request of Mr. Hendricks of New Bedford, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of the of Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., who died from complications from COVID on January 27, 2021. He served as Mayor of New Bedford from 1998 through 2006. During his tenure, three new middle schools were built, multiple brownfield sites were cleaned up, and high speed ferry service arrived bringing new prosperity to the city.

Frederick
Kalisz, Jr.

Dr. Kalisz' public service also included serving as the Register of Deeds for Bristol County Southern District, being a long-time Ward 2 City Councilor, and a lifelong member of the Jaycees.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Patricia, and their son, Frederick III.

A celebration of his life will be planned for a later date when the community can gather again.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) commending Robert "Bob" McGillivray for his fifty years of dedicated service to the blind and visual impaired community in the Commonwealth; and

Robert
McGillivray.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) commending Ronald "Ron" Cordes and Catherine "Cathy" Cordes on their contributions to the town of Bedford;

Ronald and
Catherine
Cordes.

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. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representatives Garlick of Needham, Cassidy of Brockton and Khan of Newton had been appointed as his designees (under Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the

Persons with
Disabilities.

General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities;

That Representatives Williams of Springfield, Nguyen of Andover and Decker of Cambridge had been appointed as his designees to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Massachusetts Probation Service established (under section 112 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to conduct a thorough review of the probation process to determine if there are disparities in the treatment of persons of color in the probation system and if structural racism is a cause of those disparities;

Probation,—
racism.

That Representatives Devers of Lawrence, Vargas of Haverhill and Ramos of Springfield had been appointed as his designees (under Section 73 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of Latinos and Latinas;

Latinos and
Latinas.

That Representatives Elugardo of Boston, Howard of Lowell, Ramos of Springfield and Barber of Somerville had been appointed as his designees (under Section 110 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth;

Correctional
facilities,—
structural
racism.

That Representatives Miranda of Boston and Holmes of Boston, and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court Roderick Ireland had been appointed as his designees (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Status of African Americans;

African
Americans.

That Representatives Straus of Mattapoisett and Peake of Provincetown had been appointed as his designees to the special legislative commission established (under section 116 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to investigate and study the impact to the administration of justice of the Qualified Immunity Doctrine in the Commonwealth; and

Qualified
Immunity
Doctrine.

That Representatives Tyler of Boston and Fluker Oakley of Boston, Keith Motley (for a term of 3 years), Danroy Henry (for a term of two years) and Pamerson Ifil (for a term of one year) had been appointed as his designees (under Section 75 of 3 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, and also by Section 114 of the Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the permanent commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys.

Black Men
and Boys.

Petition.

Mr. Galvin of Canton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Peter J. Fallon, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Peter
Fallon,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Consalvo of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendment (striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 68, amended) of the Senate Order relative to proposed Joint Rules governing the 2021-2022 legislative session (Senate, No. 14), recommending, in part, adoption of an Order relative to Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives for the 192nd General Court for the 2021-2022 legislative session, insomuch as relates to “portions of Joint Rule 1” and Joint Rule 1F (Senate, No. 39), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch.

Joint Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Daryle Lamonica (Senate, No. 33) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston,—
Daryle
Lamonica.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 64, a Bill financing the reconstruction of the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke (House, No. 96) [Bond Issue: \$400,000,000.00]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the joint committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Holyoke
Soldiers’
Home.

Quorum.

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 159 members were recorded as being in attendance.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 16.

[See Yea and Nay No. 16 in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Engrossed Bill — State Credit — State Loan.

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) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was put upon its final passage.

Unemployment
insurance.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the borrowing of money by the Commonwealth, as defined by the first sentence of Section 1 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution and this also being a “loan” bill as defined by Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted
(state credit -
state loan),—
yea and nay
No. 17.

[See Yea and Nay No. 17 in Supplement.]

[Representative Whippes of Athol answered “Present” in response to her name.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.