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Thursday, March 31, 2022.

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.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Health Care Financing be granted until Wednesday, June 1, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 70, 115, 116, 127, 140, 163, 405, 410, 421, 430, 629, 635, 636, 642, 643, 644, 646, 648, 651, 664, 668, 672, 674, 677, 680, 685, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 694, 695, 700, 704, 713, 717, 740, 743, 745, 753, 754, 760, 765, 766, 770, 776, 780, 782, 784, 791, 795, 798, 806, 808, 811, 1384, 1402, 1471, 2492, 2542, 2600, 2613, 2774, 2780 and 2782, and House documents numbered 184, 201, 203, 219, 235, 265, 419, 451, 722, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1045, 1053, 1056, 1057, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1066, 1069, 1078, 1087, 1090, 1091, 1095, 1096, 1106, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1125, 1132, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1145, 1147, 1148, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1177, 1179, 1191, 1192, 1194, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1202, 1208, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1228, 1235, 1237, 1240, 1244, 1256, 1261, 1267, 1280, 1284, 1288, 1291, 1293, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1308, 1312, 1317, 1517, 1947, 2051, 2225, 2266, 2298, 2319, 2342, 2371, 2382, 2461, 2468, 2481, 2484, 2615, 3537, 3635, 3781, 3838, 3880, 3881, 3959, 4145, 4268, 4271, 4329, 4466, 4467, 4495, 4507, 4514, 4546, 4547, 4574 and 4584.

Health Care
Financing
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4639) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Biele of Boston) congratulating the State Lottery Commission for "50 years of winning" on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the State Lottery;

State Lottery
Commission.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Capano of Lynn) commending Reno "Ray" Pisano for his lifelong dedication to the arts and commitment to his community; and

Reno "Ray"
Pisano.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ultrino of Malden) commending the Sikh community in the Commonwealth for their recognition of April 2022 as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month.

Sikh
Awareness
Month.

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. Ultrino of Malden, 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 severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4647) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the prevailing wage in the town of Wellfleet. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Wellfleet,—
prevailing
wage.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4648) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellfleet be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee in said town; and

Wellfleet,—
real estate
transfer fee.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4649) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to expanding the exemption for residential property in the town of Wellfleet;

Wellfleet,—
property
exemption.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Adrian C. Madaro and Lydia Edwards for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jacquelyne Foley, an employee of the Department of Early Education and Care.

Jacquelyne
Foley,—
sick leave.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to grant an easement in the town of Wellfleet.

Wellfleet,—
easement.

By Mr. Sena of Acton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain easement to the town of Ayer.

Ayer,—
easement.

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

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 William C. Galvin relative to the financing of motor vehicle purchases. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Motor
vehicles,—
financing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John J. Costa, Jr., relative to the preparation of street lists by registrars. To the committee on Election Laws.

Registrars,—
street lists.

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. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Shana Hicks, an employee of the Department of Public Health (Senate, No. 2792), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Shana Hicks,—
sick leave.

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 565, a Bill to ensure equitable access to education, including special education services, for all students in Massachusetts (House, No. 4538) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Education,—
access.

Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 573, 582, 583, 584, 618, 651, 671, 675, 681, 682, 689, 707, 708 and 3718, a Bill relative to educator diversity (House, No. 4539).

Educator
diversity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 575, 617, 719 and 4225, a Bill relative to safety and violence education for students (the SAVE Students Act) (House, No. 4540).

Safety
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 601 and 3865, a Bill relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency (House, No. 4541).

Pandemic,—
negative
impacts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 652, 666, 667, 691 and 699, a Bill to increase student access to career technical education schools and programs which are aligned with regional labor market needs (House, No. 4542).

Technical
schools,—
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 660, a Bill relative to recovery high schools (House, No. 4543).

Recovery
high schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 709 and 4069, a Bill establishing a study of school segregation (House, No. 4544) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

School
segregation,—
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3545, a Bill establishing rapid transportation and electrification for the Fairmount corridor (House, No. 4615).

Boston,—
rapid
transit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3504, a Bill limiting motor vehicle dealer documentation fees (House, No. 4616).

Motor vehicle
document fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3499, a Bill relative to electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 4617).

Electric
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3595, a Bill relative to autonomous vehicles (House, No. 4618).

Autonomous
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1772, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4619).

MassDOT.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing senior water and sewer discounts in the town of Arlington (House, No. 3749), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Arlington,—
water and
sewer.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in section 1 by adding the following two sentences: “The exemption or discount on water and sewer charges and rates shall be applied only to the principal residence of the taxpayer as used by the taxpayer for income tax purpose or, where supported by affidavit, a qualifying senior tenant named on as the payor on town water or sewer bills. For the purposes of this act the term ‘principal residence’ shall mean the home where an owner, and the owner’s family if applicable, resides or intends to reside as the primary dwelling; provided, however, that no person shall hold concurrent rights in more than 1 principal residence.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3749, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At nine minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty minutes after six o’clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4578, amended), 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 2793.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Subsequently said committee reported that the amendment was correctly drawn.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston 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 4650. 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.

The House Order (House, No. 4428) relative to extending until Wednesday, March 30, 2022, the time within which the committee on Revenue be granted to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 788, 1798, 1799, 1821, 1832, 1841, 1842, 1852, 1878, 1885, 1902, 1912, 1916, 1937, 1940 and 1984, and House documents numbered 2848, 2866, 2871, 2876, 2888, 2905, 2915, 2920, 2922, 2930, 2959, 2979, 2984, 3026, 3036, 3043, 3044, 3090 and 3732, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the date: “March 30” and inserting in place thereof the date: “April 6”.

Revenue
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2798) of Marc R. Pacheco, Carol A. Doherty, Patricia A. Haddad and Norman J. Orrall (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to provide for a revised charter for the city of Taunton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Taunton,—
charter.

Recess.

At ten minutes before seven o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until a half past seven o'clock; and at twenty-four minutes before eight o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4578, 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.

Supplemental
appropriations.

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 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.

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 fourteen minutes before eight 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.