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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey) and led by Emma Marie Vieira, the daughter of Representative Vieira of Falmouth, the members and employees joined with them in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Markey of Dartmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable, the members, employees and the guest stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of the Very Reverend Archimandrite Constantine Spyridon Bebis. Father Bebis was born on the Island of Crete, Greece and survived the starvation and bombing of Athens during the Nazi occupation of Greece during WWII.

Very Reverend
Archimandrite
Constantine
Spyridon Bebis.

He became a Greek Orthodox priest in Danbury, Connecticut then moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts in 1953. He was the priest and Spiritual Leader to the Greater New Bedford Greek Orthodox community for nearly 60 years. He also faithfully guided the efforts to build a new church on Cross Road in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople awarded the title of Protopresbyter to Father Bebis, the highest rank of a married priest in the Greek Orthodox Church, in 1976.

He was an advocate for social justice, literacy, and learning, and numerous other philanthropic, community, and charitable works.

Father Bebis passed away on March 9th, 2021, at the age of ninety-four.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Nguyen of Andover and other members of the House) supporting Asian and Asian-American communities in the Commonwealth, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Asian and
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communities.

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.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Validating the results of the annual town meeting and the annual town election held in the town of Hubbardston (printed in Senate, No. 24) (on a message from His Excellency the Governor); and

Hubbardston,—
town election.

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of East Bridgewater (Senate, No. 31, amended in section 1, in line 2, by inserting after the word “any” the word “trust”) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

East
Bridgewater,—
investment.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 41) of Sal N. DiDomenico (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the city of Everett home rule charter (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 Municipalities and Regional Government.

Everett,—
charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 40) of Ryan C. Fattman and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Southbridge to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Southbridge,—
liquor
licenses.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to a vacancy in the office of mayor in the city of Holyoke (House, No. 99) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Holyoke,—
acting mayor.

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. Vieira of Falmouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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), 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 twelve o’clock noon, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair; and at nineteen minutes after twelve o’clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Daryle Lamonica (see Senate, No. 33) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills
enacted.

Concerning the acting mayor of Holyoke (see House, No. 99) (which 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. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-four minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.