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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor – Veto.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill relative to work and family mobility [see House, No. 4805] (for message, see House, No. 4822), was filed in the Office of the Clerk on Friday, May 27.

Driver's
licenses.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session, the question being on passing said bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to certain voting precincts in the town of Middleton (House, No. 4823), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, May 27.

Middleton,—
voting
precincts.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, and introduced, students from Framingham High School, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Representatives Gentile of Sudbury, Gregoire of Marlborough, Lewis of Framingham and Robinson of Framingham.

Framingham
High School
students.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, and introduced members of the Student Senate from the Norman E. Day School in Westford. They were the guests of Mr. Arciero of Westford.

Westford,—
Day School
Senators.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Walker Fryling on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Walker
Fryling.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Alex Kornblum on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Alex
Kornblum.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Andre Singer on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Andre
Singer.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Lucas Smith on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America; and

Lucas
Smith.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Daniel Vona on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Daniel
Vona.

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. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Ryan of Boston) 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 Election Laws be granted until Friday, July 15, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4742.

Election Laws
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4816) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 656, and House document numbered 1052.

Financial
Services
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4824) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jacquelyne Foley, an employee of the Department of Early Education and Care (Senate, No. 2884) (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.

Jacquelyne
Foley,—
sick leave.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until June 1, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1559, 1573, 1579, 1580 and 1609 relative to public safety and homeland security matters.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order (Senate, No. 2866) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, that the report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-fourth annual report (Senate, No. 26), be placed on file. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Capital Resource Company.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4746) [Local Approval Received]; and

Raynham,—liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4747) [Local Approval Received];

Rochester,—liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (House, No. 4744), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Flood risk protection,—commission.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients (House, No. 1101). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Patients,—telehealth and digital equity.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 2535, reported, in part (on sections 17 to 23, inclusive, and 28) a Bill to extend live horse racing and simulcasting in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4817). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Horse racing and simulcasting.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to town meeting[sic] in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4764) [Local Approval Received].

Burlington,—town meetings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4765) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing certain members of the Webster Fire Department to buy-back eligible retirement service time (House, No. 3967) [Local Approval Received].

Webster,—
C. Jolda and
K. Adams.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the theft of vehicle catalytic converters (House, No. 4722).

Catalytic
converters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Harvard to establish and enforce speed limits on certain public ways in the town (House, No. 4739) [Local Approval Received].

Harvard,—
speed
limits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a certain portion of state highway in the town of Plymouth as Plimoth Patuxet highway (House, No. 4743).

Plymouth,—
highway.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to certain retired employees during the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (see House, No. 4456, 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.

Covid-19,—
retirees.

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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill to give the town of Leicester authority to grant full annual property tax exemptions to the surviving spouse of Rutland Police Detective and Leicester resident John D. Songy (House, No. 3989), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Prohibiting gunfire directed at dwelling houses (House, No. 1803);

Relative to embarkation fees (House, No. 2873); and

Recognizing Sikh appreciation month (House, No. 4569);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

