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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Owens of Watertown) congratulating Patricio Pino on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Patricio
Pino.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Nicholas Der Garabedian on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicholas Der
Garabedian.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Anish Raj Gundimeda on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Anish
Gundimeda.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Peabody) honoring Saint John the Baptist Parish on the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth year anniversary;

Saint John
the Baptist.

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. 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 severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3861) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to grant certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages and the sale of wines and malt beverages in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Wellesley,—
liquor license.

By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3859) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) relative to changing the board of selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a select board.

Plainfield,—
select
board.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3860) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the select board of the town of West Tisbury.

West Tisbury,—
select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3858) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to provide for electric vehicle charging stations in said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Cambridge,—
electric
vehicles.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Ms. Peake of Provincetown (by request) presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diane Turco relative to aging nuclear power plants and high level nuclear waste dump sites; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Nuclear waste
dump sites.

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. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to pesticides.

Pesticides.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Orleans as the Norman Wood Finch memorial bridge.

Norman Wood
Finch bridge.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 4001), 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 2465.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

The House Bill relative to transferring federal funds to the federal COVID-19 response fund (House, No. 3827), 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 2466.

COVID-19
response fund.

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; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports

Of the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 47) of Cynthia Stone Creem, Joanne M. Comerford, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate face surveillance;

Facial
recognition
surveillance.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 117) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to provide facial recognition accountability and comprehensive enforcement; and

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by House, No. 135) of David M. Rogers, Orlando Ramos and others for legislation to regulate face surveillance.

Id.

And recommending the same severally be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2463) of Brendan P. Crighton and Peter Capano (by vote of the town) for legislation to validate the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Nahant,—
town meeting
validation.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2468) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to fentanyl arrests. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Fentanyl
arrests.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2469) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish August 31st as overdose awareness day in the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Overdose
awareness
day.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney relative to authorizing the conveyance of a conservation restriction on the land known as Inter Lochen Park in the town of Sharon. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sharon,—
Inter Lochen
Park.

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 petition of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to the educational needs of students whose education was negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

COVID-19,—
educational
needs.

By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 939) of James K. Hawkins, Tami L. Gouveia and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to direct the Department of Environmental Protection to publish a toxic chemicals of concern consumer products list; and

Toxic chemicals,— products list.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 941) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to septic system inspections;

Septic systems inspections.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3852), ought to pass [Bond Issue: \$200,000,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Municipal roads and bridges.

Recess.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at a quarter before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Stephen Melchin, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 100), 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.

Stephen Melchin,— 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 2 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.

The engrossed Bill relative to transferring federal funds to the federal COVID-19 response fund (see House, No. 3827, 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 response fund.

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Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing Trevor J. Seaboyer to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 98) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.