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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Representatives Frost of Auburn and McKenna of Webster, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of John G. Saad, Jr., 77, of Dudley Road, who died Friday, July 9 at Care One in Millbury, after a battle with cancer.

John
Saad, Jr.

John was born in Webster on July 8, 1944, son of the late John G. and Stasia A. (Skowron) Saad.

He graduated from St. Peter's Central Catholic High School in Worcester and the New England School of Accounting in Worcester. He served three years in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. John worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the area director for the Department of Transitional Assistance in Southbridge, retiring in 2002 after 32 years and was elected a selectman in Oxford in 1975 and served for 43 years. A big New England sports fan he enjoyed the Red Sox, Celtics, and Patriots and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as spending time on his beloved Cape Cod.

John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jeanne H. (deVillers) Saad; three children, Michael J. Saad of Oxford, Barbara J. Fields and her husband Ronald of Webster, and Thomas J. Saad and his wife Heather of Dudley; five grandchildren, Malissa I., Michael J. Jr. and his wife Leslie, Jonathan M., Gavin T., and Ronin W.; his sister, Barbara A. Bowes and her husband John; and his brother, Mark A. Saad and his wife Linda.

The family would like to thank his Godchild, Debbie Spooner Sherman, for her kindness and daily attention, as well as Care One in Millbury for their exceptional care during John's time there.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3950) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others (with the approval of the city council) relative to voting options for the city of Lowell for the 2021 municipal elections. To the committee on Election Laws.

Lowell,—
elections.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3948) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Fairhaven,—
select board.

By Mr. Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3949) of Frank A. Moran and Christina A. Minicucci (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lawrence be authorized to re-designate a certain bridge said city as the Joseph A. Torrisi memorial bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Lawrence,—
Torrisi
bridge.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Ms. Barber of Somerville presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine P. Barber relative to collaborative drug therapy management optimization; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Drug therapy
management.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) severally were presented and referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester and Senator Chandler, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3952) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Harriette L. Chandler and others relative to internet service outages. To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Internet
service,—
outages.

By Representatives Gouveia of Acton and Miranda of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3953) of Tami L. Gouveia, Liz Miranda and Nika C. Elugardo relative to promoting resilience and community healing to mitigate adverse childhood and community experiences.

Childhood,—
healing and
resilience.

By Ms. Miranda of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3954) of Liz Miranda and others relative to providing for a universal basic income for youth aging out of foster care.

Foster care,—
basic income.

Severally to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

By Mr. Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3955) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to a marine special activity license program.

Marine special
activity license.

By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3956) of David T. Vieira relative to the environmental protection of Joint Base Cape Cod.

Joint Base
Cape Cod.

Severally to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) of Mike Connolly, Erika Uytterhoeven and others relative to compelling the president and fellows of Harvard College to divest from fossil fuel.

Harvard
College,—
divestment.

By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3958) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to providing religious accommodations for students at institutions of higher education during exams.

Exams,—
religious
accommodation.

Severally to the committee on Higher Education.

By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3959) of Natalie M. Higgins and Jack Patrick Lewis for legislation to provide for analysis of MassHealth claims data in relation to homeless management information systems data related to Medicaid costs associated with persons experiencing homelessness.

MassHealth,—
homelessness
costs.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3960) of Chynah Tyler that senior housing facilities provide security services to ensure the safety and security of residents.

Senior
housing,—
security.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3961) of Peter J. Durant and Joseph D. McKenna relative to regulating the use of abortion-inducing drugs. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Abortion-inducing drugs.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3962) of Marjorie C. Decker and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the involuntary hospitalization of individuals if no less restrictive alternatives exist to reduce the likelihood of serious harm by reason of mental illness. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Involuntary hospitalizations.

By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3963) of Mike Connolly, Nika C. Elugardo and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to prohibit the construction of publicly accessible buildings or structures designed or intended to prevent unhoused individuals from sitting or lying on the building or structure at street level. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Unhoused individuals,—sitting prevention.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of Mike Connolly and Marcos A. Devers relative to the minimum percentage of kilowatt-hours sales to end-use customers by retail electricity suppliers. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Retail electricity,—sales.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to remote town meetings (House, No. 2210), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Remote town meetings.

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

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (House, No. 94) [Local Approval Received].

Longmeadow,—election commissioners.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of South Hadley to the South Hadley Housing Authority (House, No. 2144).

South Hadley,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to insurance proceeds for injured police and fire personnel in the town of Boylston (House, No. 2181) [Local Approval Received].

Boylston,—insurance proceeds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the management of Fuller Field in the town of Clinton (House, No. 2182) [Local Approval Received].

Clinton,—Fuller Field.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the disbursement of funds held by the town of Westford (House, No. 3724) [Local Approval Received].

Westford,—funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Danvers to convey and acquire certain property (House, No. 3751, changed in section 4, in lines 37 to 76, inclusive, by striking out the text contained in those lines) [Local Approval Received].

Danvers,—land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to outstanding fines, fees, penalties, or costs related to the use of fireworks or pyrotechnics in the city of Springfield (House, No. 3752, changed in section 1, in line 5, by striking out the word “paid” and inserting in place thereof the word “unpaid”) [Local Approval Received].

Springfield,—
fireworks.

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

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:

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Auburn the Robert Conroy Memorial Bridge (House, No. 3459);

Auburn,—
bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham the private first class David “Damon” Borrelli memorial bridge (House, No. 3469);

Needham,—
bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the Medal of Honor Bridge (House No. 3476);

Middleborough
and Carver.

Retirement of officer Sean Murphy [sic] (House, No. 3764) [Local Approval Received]; and

Weymouth,—
Sean Murphy.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Wilmington as the Trooper Thomas W. Devlin memorial bridge (House, No. 3942);

Wilmington,—
bridge.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting all positions in the police department and fire department of the town of Swampscott from the civil service law (House, No. 93); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city of Greenfield to lease a certain parcel of land (House, No. 2189, changed);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill to amend the charter of the city of Woburn to change the name of the members of the city council from “alderman” to “city councilor” (House, No. 2168, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Woburn,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a Bill changing the name of the members of the city council in the city of Woburn from alderman to city councilor (House, No 3947), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At seven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject

Recess.

to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-eight minutes before four o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-four minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.