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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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Pease of Westfield and Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5061) of Kelly W. Pease and Lindsay N. Sabadosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Southamptton be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Southampton,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5062) of Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Hinsdale be authorized to continue employment of police chief Susan Rathbun. To the committee on Public Service.

Hinsdale,—
Susan
Rathbun.

By Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5063) of David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) that the town of Norwell be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Norwell,—
property tax
exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Whelan of Brewster presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan (with the approval of the county commissioners) for legislation to authorize Kyle J. Wiley to purchase creditable military service from the Barnstable County Retirement System; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Kyle Wiley,—
creditable
service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the direct wine shipper license (House, No. 4243), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5044). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wine
shipper
licenses.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on

Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 5044) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to extend live horse racing and simulcasting in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4817), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5047). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Simulcasting.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate simulcasting, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5047, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management to convey certain property in the city of Malden to the city of Malden (House, No. 4366), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain property in the city of Malden to the city of Malden (House, No. 5045). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Malden,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary (House, No. 4499), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5046) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bond: \$164,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Judiciary,—
information
technology.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill relative to a certain parcel of land in the town of Townsend (House, No. 4921), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5048). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Townsend,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill authorizing the transfer of Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission Land in Oak Bluffs (House, No. 4958), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5049). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Oak Bluffs,—
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

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:

The Senate Bill authorizing Nikos Sofronas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 1697) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—
Niko Sofronas.

The House Bill authorizing the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5017);

Devens,—
liquor
license.

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

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, on Senate, No. 249 and House, Nos. 477, 478, 479, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 494, 495, 497, 498, 3717 and 3780, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document and certain House documents relative to COVID-19, emergency preparedness, emergency management and other related matters (House, No. 4968) [Representative Frost of Auburn dissenting].

Covid-19
emergency
matters,—
study.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on House, Nos. 721, 728, 730, 731, 734, 742, 749, 751 and 757, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to elder affairs and other related matters (House, No. 5029).

Elder Affairs
matters,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Danvers to convey and acquire certain property (House, No. 3751, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Danvers,—
land.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Duxbury as the George W. W. Scott Bridge (House, No. 4334), having been 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.

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-three before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.