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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.

Petitions.

Ms. Decker of Cambridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3983) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to offer early voting in municipal elections; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,—
early voting.

Mr. Kearney of Scituate presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and others relative to recreational shell fishing areas; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Shell
fishing.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to require immunizations for in-person classes at certain Massachusetts public institutions of higher learning, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Higher Education.

Higher
education,—
immunizations.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2499) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Higher Education.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the joint petition of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Warwick be authorized to grant non-citizen permanent residents the right to vote in municipal elections. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Warwick,—
voting.

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 Michael J. Finn for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tara Blodgett, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Under

Tara
Blodgett,—
sick leave.

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 Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1161) of Michael D. Brady, Tommy Vitolo and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation relative to employees of private railroads,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Private railroads.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3815), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3975). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonds,— terms.

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. Wong of Saugus, 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 motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill extending simulcasting and live horse racing authorization (House, No. 3912), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill extending simulcasting and horse racing authorization (House, No. 3976). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Simulcasting and horse racing.

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 the same member, 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 motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to regulate sports wagering (House, No. 3974), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill regulating sports wagering (House, No. 3977). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sports wagering.

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 the same member, 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:

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.

Authorizing the town of Danvers to convey and acquire certain property (House, No. 3751, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

Danvers,—
land.

Authorizing the use of Article ninety-seven land for roadway improvements in the town of Dunstable (House, No. 3936) [Local Approval Received];

Dunstable,—
land.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the conveyance of a conservation restriction on the land known as Inter Lochen Park in the town of Sharon (House, No. 3867) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Sharon,—
land.

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 556 and 604, a Bill relative to emergency stock supply of epinephrine in schools (House, No. 604).

Schools,—
epinephrine.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for diabetes management in schools (House, No. 665).

Schools,—
diabetes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving students' access to life saving treatments (House, No. 683).

Students,—
treatments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote student nutrition (House, No. 715).

Student
nutrition.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide (House, No. 609). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Child
suicide,—
study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to debt collection licensure (House, No. 328).

Debt collection
licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the registration of veterinarians (House, No. 334).

Veterinarians,—
registration.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to promote social-emotional learning (House, No. 543).

Social etc.
learning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for alternatives to fines for failure to send (House, No. 587).

Fines,—
alternatives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to assure opportunity for all students with disabilities (House, No. 611).	Students with disabilities.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 332 and House, Nos. 538, 576, 608 and 653, a Bill relative to carbon monoxide alarms in schools (House, No. 653).	Schools,— carbon monoxide.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to special education finance (House, No. 677).	Special education.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 545, a Bill to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities (House, No. 3978).	Disabilities,— communication.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 552, a Bill relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings (House, No. 3979).	School interpreters.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 600 and 663, a Resolve authorizing a study of starting times and schedules (House, No. 3980).	Schools,— start times.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 338 and 344, a Bill further regulating storage of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 338).	Alcoholic beverages.
By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to prevent concussion and head injury (House, No. 540) [Representative Diggs of Barnstable dissenting].	Concussion and head injury.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 359 and House, No. 596, a Bill relative to school operational efficiency (House, No. 596).	Schools,— efficiency.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation (House, No. 610).	CPR and defibrillators.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning disposable menstrual products in schools (House, No. 690).	Menstrual products.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.	

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating certain alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Westford (see House, No. 303) (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.
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Recess.

At twenty 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 two minutes after one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.	Recess.
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Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 3973), 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.

Supplemental appropriations.

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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

To allow elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the board of public works (House, No. 2757); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Bruce Young, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (House, No. 3875);

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 be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

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 twelve minutes 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M.