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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kushmerek of Fitchburg) congratulating Patricia and Terry Martin on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

Patricia and
Terry Martin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Philips of Sharon) congratulating Kevin Paul Fitzgerald on earning the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin
Fitzgerald.

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.

A joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the Provincetown public pier corporation, was transmitted to the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

Provincetown,—
public pier.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4020) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of North Reading be authorized to create a cell tower receipts fund in said town; and

North
Reading,—
fund.

By Representative Soter of Bellingham and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) of Michael J. Soter and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) relative to the residency requirement for the town administrator of the town of Blackstone;

Blackstone,—
town
administrator.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3997) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham. To the committee on Public Service.

Wilbraham,—
town
administrator.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kelcourse of Amesbury and Senator DiZoglio, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Kelcourse and Diana DiZoglio that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Salisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund for affordable housing purposes.

Salisbury,—
land.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark and Adam G. Hinds that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain easement to the town of Savoy.

Savoy,—
easement.

By Mr. Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino relative to the termination of rental agreements or tenancy by certain tenants.

Rental
agreements.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 3863), 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 2489 [Senator Fattman, for the Senate committee on Ways and Means, dissenting]. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Reprecincting.

Reports of Committees.

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

Senate bills

Regulating the terms of members of the zoning board of appeals in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1340) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—
zoning board.

Authorizing the appointment of special firefighters in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1734) [Local Approval Received]; and

Somerville,—
firefighters.

Establishing the minimum years of service required to be promoted to fire lieutenant in the fire department of the town of Fairhaven (Senate, No. 1747) [Local Approval Received]; and

Fairhaven,—
fire department.

House bills

Authorizing the disbursement of funds held by the town of Westford (House, No. 3724) [Local Approval Received];

Westford,—
funds.

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) [Local Approval Received]; and

Springfield,—
fireworks.

Authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Robert Warger, Joseph Mieczkowski, and Raymond Burniske (House, No. 3799) [Local Approval Received];

Deerfield,—
police.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset

Hudson,—
land.

Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Hudson (House, No. 3163) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the conveyance of a parcel of land in the town of Brewster (House, No. 3217) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the release of a restriction on certain parcels of land in Freetown (House, No. 3232).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3188, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 3994).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie DeRosa, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3915).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christina Ruccio, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 3927).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill finalizing the transfer of land in the town of Middleton (House, No. 3178).

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

Brewster,—
land.

Freetown,—
land.

Fitchburg,—
land.

Julie
DeRosa,—
sick leave.

Christina
Ruccio,—
sick leave.

Middleton,—
land.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3975), 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.

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 3 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.

Bonds,—
terms.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill extending simulcasting and horse racing authorization (see House, No. 3976), 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.

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 3 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.

Simulcasting.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (House, No. 94); and

Authorizing special police officers in the town of Natick to serve until the age of 70 (House, No. 3762);

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.

The Senate Bill validating the actions taken at the 2020 biennial state election held in the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 493), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Randolph,— election.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 1 and 2, by striking out the following: "section 2 of chapter 50 of the General Laws," (as changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading).

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 493, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton (House, No. 2202), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Northampton,— charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3995), which was read.

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

The House Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land for general municipal purposes and the installation of subsurface geothermal wells (House, No. 3768) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Cambridge,— land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3996), which was read.

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

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 fourteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.