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Monday, August 2, 2021.

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. Linsky of Natick) on the occasion of the dedication of the Sullivan Family Square in the town of Natick; and

Natick,—  
Sullivan Square.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) commending the town of Belmont for its recognition of August 7, 2021 as Purple Heart Day;

Belmont,—  
Purple Heart  
Day.

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.

## *Petition.*

Mr. Devers of Lawrence presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcos A. Devers for legislation to make Presidential election and midterm election days legal holidays; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Election days,—  
holidays.

## *Papers from the Senate.*

### **Bills**

Authorizing the town of Westport to convey a non-exclusive access easement in a portion of town property at 493 Old County road to benefit 497 Old County road (Senate, No. 1357) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Westport,—  
easement.

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Milton (Senate, No. 1364) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Milton,—  
treasurer.

Validating actions taken at the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant (printed in Senate, No. 2487) (on a message from His Excellency the Governor); and

Nahant,—  
town meeting.

Authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospital Group, Inc. (Senate, No. 2503) (on Senate bill No. 1358);

Fall River,—  
land.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition of John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Li Zhang, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Li Zhang,—  
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2508) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

### *Reports of Committees.*

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 Kenneth I. Gordon relative to the office of the state climatologist within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. 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 Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State  
climatologist.

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. 1219) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to raise employment and combating opioids through vocational education and rehabilitation (RECOVER),— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Opioids,—  
education and  
rehabilitation.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to allow the town of Andover to transfer conservation land (House, No. 2193) [Local Approval Received].

Andover,—  
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing alternates on the Tyngsborough conservation commission (House, No. 3725) [Local Approval Received].

Tyngsborough,—  
conservation  
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to White Water, Inc. (House, No. 3726) [Local Approval Received].

Dracut,—  
bill.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (House, No. 3727) [Local Approval Received].

Lunenburg,—  
library.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter for the town of Nantucket (House, No. 3792) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Eastham (House, No. 3794) [Local Approval Received].

Eastham,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement (House, No. 3900) [Local Approval Received].

Northampton,—  
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received].

Groton,—  
investments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the residency requirement for the executive assistant in the town of Hudson (House, No. 3919) [Local Approval Received].

Hudson,—  
executive  
assistant.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 3920) [Local Approval Received].

Hudson,—  
select board.

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

### *Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a hate crimes task force (see House, No. 4003), 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.

Hate crimes  
task force.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to certain statutory funds and transfers of appropriations (see House, No. 4004, 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.

Statutory  
funds and  
transfers.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the water supply protection trust (see House, No. 4005), 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.

Water supply  
protection  
trust.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified

Bill  
re-enacted.

by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill relative to alternative compliance payment liens (see House, No. 4006, 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.

Alternative compliance payment liens.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to post-retirement employment of public retirees (see House, No. 4007), 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.

Public retirees,— employment.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill repealing certain tax expenditures (see House, No. 4008), 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.

Tax expenditures.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the taxation of pass-through entities (see House, No. 4009), 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.

Pass-through entities,— taxation.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to parking fees on Department of Conservation and Recreation roads (see House, No. 4010), 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.

DCR,—  
parking fees.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to eligibility for emergency assistance to elderly, disabled residents and children (see House, No. 4011), 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.

Emergency  
assistance,—  
eligibility.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to eligibility for transitional aid to families with dependent children (see House, No. 4012), 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.

Transitional  
aid,—  
eligibility.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to sexual assault evidence kits (see House, No. 4013, 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.

Sexual assault  
evidence kits.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill providing operating assistance to regional transit authorities (see House, No. 4014), 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.

Regional  
transit  
authorities.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the distribution of certain grants to regional tourism councils (see House, No. 4015, 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.

Regional  
tourism  
councils.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a special legislative commission to study poverty in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4016), 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.

Poverty,—  
commission.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified

Bill  
re-enacted.

by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill establishing a special commission to examine the Department of Public Health's nursing home licensure process and requirements (see House, No. 4017), 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.

Nursing homes,—  
licensure.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a higher education affordability task force (see House, No. 4018), 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.

Higher education,—  
task force.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, without amendment; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
re-enacted.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

#### Engrossed bills

Validating the actions taken at the 2020 biennial state election held in the city known as the town of Randolph (see Senate, No. 493, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills  
enacted.

Providing for alternate members of the conservation commission of the town of Freetown (see House, No. 2156); and

Authorizing the town of Lunenburg to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3813);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*



The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Auburn as the Robert Conroy memorial bridge (House, No. 3459) (its title having changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee 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 on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At ten minutes after 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.