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Thursday, August 12, 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.

## *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Mr. Kearney of Scituate, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in honor of 8-year old Danny Sheehan of Marshfield who passed on Sunday, August 8th after a 4-year battle with brain cancer. Known throughout the community as "a wise old man in a little boy's body," Danny lived each of his days with a courageous spirit, contagious humor, and a deep love for his parents, family, police, health team, teachers, friends, neighbors and his super hero Aquaman. He lived his life to the fullest and leaves a legacy of joy and love.

Danny  
Sheehan.

## *Petitions.*

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4068) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Vanna Howard and Carol A. Doherty relative to educational support for children in foster care. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Foster care,—  
education.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4069) of Chynah Tyler relative to the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to reassess school integration within the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Program. To the committee on Education.

METCO  
program,—  
commission.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4070) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to campaign finance reform. To the committee on Election Laws.

Campaign  
finance.

By Ms. Elugardo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4071) of Nika C. Elugardo, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Jack Patrick Lewis that the Department of Housing and Community Development provide for programs, policies, guidelines, priorities and preferences for the housing of formerly incarcerated persons reentering communities; and

Formerly  
incarcerated,—  
housing.

By Mr. Walsh of Peabody, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Thomas P. Walsh that home buyers be provided copies of the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency homebuyers' guide;

Homebuyers'  
guide.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to authorize justices of the Probate and Family Court Department to solemnize marriages. To the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Mike Connolly and others relative to implementing certain options for raising new revenue. To the committee on Revenue.

By Mr. Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Mike Connolly, Christina A. Minicucci and Michelle M. DuBois relative to implementing free public transit. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ruth B. Balser and Michael Nogrady relative to the use of white noise reverse alarms on motor vehicles operating on construction sites.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato relative to the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

By Representatives Ferguson of Holden and Kilcoyne of Northborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kimberly N. Ferguson, Meghan Kilcoyne and others for legislation to prevent furniture tip-over.

By Ms. Sullivan of Abington (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Crosby for legislation to establish a pilot program for veterans to use medical marijuana to treat medical conditions that are currently being treated with opioid-based medicine and combat opioid use disorder.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chynah Tyler relative to the governance and operations of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Northampton (House, No. 3995) (its title having being changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place there of the text contained in Senate document numbered 2510. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

#### *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:

The Senate Bill validating actions taken at the annual town meeting held in the town of Nahant (printed in Senate, No. 2487); and

House bills

Relative to the charter of the town of Eastham (House, No. 3794) [Local Approval Received];

Marriages,—  
justices.

Revenue  
raising,—  
new options.

Public  
transit.

Construction  
sites,—  
alarms.

Grandparents,—  
commission.

Furniture  
tip-over.

Veterans,—  
medical  
marijuana.

Reggie Lewis  
Track Center.

Northampton,—  
charter.

Nahant,—  
town meeting.

Eastham,—  
charter.

Relative to the residency requirement for the executive assistant in the town of Hudson (House, No. 3919) [Local Approval Received];

Hudson,—  
residency.

Amending the charter of the town of Hudson (House, No. 3920) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hudson,—  
charter.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tara Blodgett (House, No. 4064);

Tara Blodgett,—  
sick leave.

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

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3972). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Transportation  
bonds.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the city of Northampton (see House, No. 3995, amended) (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.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Norwood to grant an additional liquor license (House, No. 3897), 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.