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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, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor – Judicial Technology Bond Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment section 54 contained in the engrossed Bill to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary [see House, No. 5163] (for message, see House, No. 5181), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 10.

Judiciary,—
information
technology.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the subject-matter (printed as House, No. 5180) was referred, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Message from the Governor – Transportation Resources and Climate Bill Returned with Disapprovals and Recommendations of Amendments.

Message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his disapproval of sections 3, 3A, 25 and 26; his disapproval of certain wording contained item 6621-2208 contained in Section 2D, item 6720-2261 contained in Section 2F, and item 6720-2215 contained in Section 2G; and with recommendation of amendments to sections 20, 24, 32, 54 and 61 of the engrossed Bill relative to Massachusetts’ transportation resources and climate [see House, No. 5151] (for message, see House, No. 5187), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 10.

Transportation
and climate.

So much of the message as relates to the disapprovals were referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

- Section 20 — Printed as House, No. 5182;
- Section 24 — Printed as House, No. 5183;
- Sections 32 — Printed as House, No. 5184;
- Sections 54 — Printed as House, No. 5185; and
- Section 61 — Printed as House, No. 5186.

Severally, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Messages from the Governor – Vetoes.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill to preserve special needs trusts for disabled seniors [see House, No. 4792, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5188), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 10.

Disabled seniors,—special needs trusts.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill authorizing the Health Insurance Connector Authority to implement a 2-year pilot program to extend eligibility for premium assistance payments or point-of-service cost-sharing subsidies for certain applicants [see House, No. 5123, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5189), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 10.

Cost-sharing subsidies.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McKenna of Webster) congratulating the Sutton Council on Aging on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment; and

Sutton Council on Aging.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Webster) congratulating and recognizing Amelia Miranda on successfully completing eighty years of life;

Amelia Miranda.

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. Straus of Mattapoisett presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Molly Urquhart, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Molly Urquhart,—sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the school department in the city of Westfield (House, No. 5156), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence,

Westfield,—land.

with amendments striking out section 7; and 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 authorize forthwith the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Westfield, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary for the immediate protection of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3104) of Mark C. Montigny (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of New Bedford to qualify city employees for certain death benefits when the cause of death is related to COVID-19, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

New Bedford,—
COVID-19
death benefits.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham (House, No. 5100) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Watertown
and Waltham,—
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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a permanent senior means tested property tax exemption in the town of Concord (see House, No. 3731);

Providing for the election of at-large and district councilors and school committee members in the city of Haverhill (see House, No. 4636);

Regulating incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington (see House, No. 4765); and

Authorizing the town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested senior citizens (see House, No. 5019);

(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.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Tyngsborough to a select board (House, No. 4483); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Julie A. Hall, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5098);

Third
reading
bills.

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.

The House Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4850), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
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.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.