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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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4104) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the Nantucket Islands Land Bank and the town of Nantucket be authorized to transfer, convey or otherwise dispose to each other portions of certain land in said town;

Nantucket,—
land.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4105) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to issue pension obligation bonds or notes; and

Nantucket,—
pensions.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4106) of Thomas M. Stanley and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to establish a fee for checkout bags at certain retail establishments.

Lincoln,—
bag fee.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4107) of Thomas M. Stanley and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Lincoln be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption program in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Lincoln,—
senior
property tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill redesignating the board of selectmen in the town of Princeton as the selectboard (Senate, No. 2464) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Princeton,—
selectboard.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2526) of Walter F. Timilty, William J. Driscoll, Jr., and Brandy Fluker Oakley (by vote of the town) for legislation to raise the income threshold for senior real property tax deferments in the town of Milton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Milton,—
senior tax
deferments.

Reports of a Committee.

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:

Relative to the permanent intermittent police force for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2147) [Local Approval Received];

Methuen,—
police.

Relative to recall of elected officers in the town of Wenham (House, No. 3746) [Local Approval Received];

Wenham,—
recall.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Samantha Davignon, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4094); and

Samantha
Davignon.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tanya Hackett, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 4103);

Tanya
Hackett.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 3972), 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.

Transportation
improvements.

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 6 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

Further regulating storage of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 338);

Authorizing alternate members for the Tyngsborough conservation commission (House, No. 3725) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Dracut to pay a certain bill to WhiteWater, Inc. (House, No. 3726) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (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.