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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.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced His Excellency Ambassador of Nepal Dr. Yuba Raj Khatiwada, Mr. Kumar Raj Kharel, Deputy Chief of Mission/Minister, Mr. Homkanta Bhandari, Economic Counselor and Pralhad KC, Asian American Commissioner. They were the guests of the members of the Asian Legislative Caucus.

Nepalis  
delegation.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Frost of Auburn, Jones of North Reading, Ferguson of Holden and Muradian of Grafton) recognizing the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its organization; and

Sons of the  
Revolution.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating the Christ Church of Swansea on its one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary;

Christ Church  
of Swansea.

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. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Appointments to the House Working Group on COVID-19.*

The Speaker announced the appointment of the membership of the House Working Group on COVID-19, established by House Order, No. 4121, adopted on September 23, 2021, as follows:—

Representatives Hogan of Stow, Driscoll of Milton, McGonagle of Everett, Cahill of Lynn, Williams of Springfield, Santiago of Boston, Blais of Sunderland and Ferguson of Holden.

House  
working  
group.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4129) of Paul F. Tucker (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said city; Salem,—  
liquor  
license.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4130) of Paul F. Tucker (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premise in said city; Id.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4131) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said city; and Id.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4132) of Paul F. Tucker (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said city; Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.  
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire for legislation of establish an insulin patient assistance program. Insulin,—  
assistance  
program.

By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and others relative to waivers for non-fault overpayments of certain unemployment insurance benefits. Unemployment  
insurance,—  
overpayments.

By Ms. Sullivan of Abington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alyson M. Sullivan and others relative to COVID-19 mandatory vaccinations and immunization passports for public employees. Public  
employees,—  
vaccinations.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Abe Kasparian, Jr., relative to harassment prevention orders. Harassment  
prevention.

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

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill promoting student nutrition (House, No. 3999), 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 2532. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Student  
nutrition.

Bills

Relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (Senate, No. 2540) (on Senate bill No. 2533); and

Gender identity.

Relative to healthy youth (Senate, No. 2541) (on Senate bill No. 2534);

Healthy youth.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2543) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to banning child sex dolls. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Sex dolls.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the towns of Middleborough and Carver as the Medal of Honor Bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Medal of Honor bridge.

### *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 Tram T. Nguyen, Jack Patrick Lewis and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish the Blue-spotted Salamander as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence

Blue-spotted Salamander.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4078, reported, in part, a Bill extending COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave (House, No. 4127). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

COVID-19,—  
paid sick leave.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Hudson (House, No. 3163) [Local Approval Received], ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4126). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hudson,—  
land.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration of the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means was adopted; and the substituted bill (House, No. 4126) was ordered to a third reading.

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 relative to the board of selectman of the town of Princeton (Senate, No. 2464) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a select board (House, No. 3859) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the West Tisbury select board (House, No. 3860) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the town of Medway (House, No. 3899) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Norwell (House, No. 3916) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3917) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the selectboard of the town of Duxbury (House, No. 3937) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3948) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the Chilmark select board (House, No. 3985) [Local Approval Received];

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Sharon to a select board (House, No. 3987) [Local Approval Received];

To amend the Blackstone home rule charter by deleting the town administrator residency requirement (House, No. 3998) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board (House, No. 4066) [Local Approval Received]; and

Restoring an increase in the membership of the board of health in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4084) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the South Norwood General Business District (House, No. 4114) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to grant certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4115) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Easton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4116) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1440 and House, No. 2294, a Bill granting equal access to original birth certificates to all persons born in Massachusetts (House, No. 2294). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill extending COVID-19 Massachusetts emergency paid sick leave (see House, No. 4127), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly

Princeton,—  
selectboard.

Plainfield,—  
selectboard.

West Tisbury,—  
select board.

Medway,—  
charter.

Norwell,—  
select board.

Westborough,—  
selectmen.

Duxbury,—  
selectboard.

Fairhaven,—  
selectmen.

Chilmark,—  
select board.

Sharon,—  
select board.

Blackstone,—  
charter.

Hopkinton,—  
select board.

Framingham,—  
health board.

Norwood,—  
business zone.

Wellesley,—  
liquor licenses.

Easton,—  
liquor license.

Birth  
certificates,—  
access.

COVID-19,—  
paid sick  
leave.

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 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) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

*Recess.*

At twenty minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at four minutes before one o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Robert Warger, Joseph Mieczkowski, and Raymond Burniske (House, No. 3799), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Deerfield,—  
police  
department.

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. 4128), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At six minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.