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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) reaffirming friendship between Massachusetts and Taiwan, support a United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and Taiwan's international participation;

Taiwan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cutler of Pembroke and other members of the House) recognizing October 6, 2021 as Energy Efficiency Day in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Energy Efficiency Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Peake of Provincetown, Diggs of Barnstable, Fernandes of Falmouth, Vieira of Falmouth, Whelan of Brewster and Xiarhos of Barnstable) congratulating Dorothy "Dottie" Smith on her retirement after her distinguished service to the Commonwealth;

Dorothy Smith.

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.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the 2020 industry report (accompanied by financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020) [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law];

Clean Energy Center, — industry report.

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund forty-ninth planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk County technology fund.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (see Section 2 of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report of the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of July, 2021; and

Trial Court,—
summary
process.

From the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (see Section 64 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020) submitting an interim report on the impact of COVID-19 on the Commonwealth health care system;

Health care,—
COVID-19
impact.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 1G of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report concerning self-generation for fiscal year 2020;

Public utilities,—
self-generation.

Of the Division of Banks (under Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2020;

Division
of Banks.

Of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (under Section 13 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) on data collection and reporting in the criminal justice system; and

Criminal
justice,—
data.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 265 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012) certifying and outlining how the health benefit plans under the office of Medicaid, and their contractors, comply with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act;

Medicaid,—
mental health
parity.

Special and final reports

Of the Special Commission on Ocean Acidification (under Section 97 of Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2018, and most recently revived and continued by Section 66 of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021) regarding the ocean acidification crisis in Massachusetts; and

Ocean
acidification.

Of the Health Equity Task Force (under Section 2 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020, and most recently revived and continued by Section 67 of Chapter 29 of the Acts of 2021) entitled “A Blueprint for Health Equity”; and

Health
equity.

A report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 in Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) regarding the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits;

Unemployment
insurance,—
online delivery.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4191) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Deerfield be authorized to grant 3 additional wines and malt beverage licenses not to be drunk on the premises and 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Deerfield,—
liquor
licenses.

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4192) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Eastham

Eastham,—
land.

be authorized to convey a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land to the Eastham Conservation Foundation, Inc. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4193) of Marjorie C. Decker (with the approval of the city council) relative to providing for a fire cadet program for the city of Cambridge fire department. To the committee on Public Service.

Cambridge,—
fire cadet
program.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to food allergy awareness.

Food allergy
awareness.

By Representative Soter of Bellingham and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Soter and Ryan C. Fattman that a certain node of the Blackstone River Greenway in the town of Millville be designated as the Margaret M. Carroll memorial greenway access area.

Millville,—
Carroll
greenway.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4190) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the Provincetown public pier corporation (having been returned by the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws with memoranda relative thereto) was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Provincetown,—
public pier.

Mrs. Campbell of Methuen presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dean Campbell and others relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at veterans' homes in the Commonwealth; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Soldiers'
homes,—
governance.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. 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 Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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 Joan Meschino and others relative to waivers for non-fault overpayments of certain unemployment insurance benefits. 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 Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Unemployment
insurance,—
overpayments.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2160).

Norfolk
County,—
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing an open town meeting in the town of Lee (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received].

Lee,—
town meeting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to transfer a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4108) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—
land.

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

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Milton (Senate, No. 1364); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the appointment of special firefighters in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1734);

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, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Hudson (House, No. 4126), 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.

Id.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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