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Met at nine minutes after 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, guests 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, to the right of the rostrum Auditor of the Commonwealth, Suzanne M. Bump who was accompanied by special guests; Father Gary Donegan and Reverend Bill Shaw, clergy members from Northern Ireland. They are recognized widely for their peace and reconciliation work the leading up to and now in the wake of the historic Belfast Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Agreement, which marked the official end of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. They are meeting here in Boston and in Washington to discuss commemoration of 25th anniversary of that agreement, which takes place next year. Also with them was Fiona Calnan, also of Ireland.

Northern
Ireland,—
Father Gary
Donegan,
Reverend Bill
Shaw and Fiona
Calnan.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Ferguson of Holden) congratulating Warren O. Thorell on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday; and

Warren
Thorell.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Neela de Zoysa on receiving the "Volunteer of the Year" award from Sudbury Valley Trustees;

Neela de
Zoysa.

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

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Department of Environmental Protection (under Section 6J½(g) of Chapter 21H of the General Laws) relative to the collection and recycling programs for mercury thermostats for calendar year 2021;

Mercury
thermostats,—
programs.

Of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation (under Section 10 of Chapter 221A of the General Laws) submitting a report of its activities for fiscal year 2022; and

Legal assistance.

Of the Massachusetts Port Authority (under item 6720-1340 of Section 2C of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016) submitting for fiscal year 2022 a list of improvements at the Paul W. Conley Terminal [a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, as required by said law];

Port Authority,—
Conley Terminal.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the Boston Landmarks Commission (House, No. 4565), 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 3121. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Boston Landmarks Commission.

The House Bill relative to the preparation of certain bilingual ballots in the city of Malden (House, No. 4793), 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 3122. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Malden,—
bilingual ballots.

The House Bill relative to Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation (House, No. 5054), 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 3123. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Revere and Son Heritage Trust.

A Bill establishing speed limits on portions of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 3124) (on Senate bill No. 2384) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Milton,—
speed limits.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3120) of Bruce E. Tarr and Lenny Mirra (by vote of the town) for legislation to modify certain titles and to provide for the appointment of certain positions by the town administrator of the town of Newbury, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newbury,—
titles and appointments.

Reports of Committees.

By 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 Steven C. Owens, John J. Lawn, Jr., and William N. Brownsberger (with the approval of the city council) relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition

Watertown,—
property taxes.

(accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following Senate bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Further regulating wastewater services in the town of Norfolk (Senate, No. 3113) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin water district (Senate, No. 3116) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 4863, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to environment, natural resources and agriculture (House, No. 5309) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1234, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to financial services (House, No. 5310).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1052 and 1134, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to financial services (House, No. 5311).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1094, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to industry matters (House, No. 5312).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1175, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to health care (House, No. 5313).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1223, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to banking (House, No. 5314) [Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester dissenting].

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2426, 2532 and 2541, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to motor vehicle violations (House, No. 5320).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2614, 2632, 2661, 2684, 2713, 2725, 2744, 2761 and 2788, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to retirement benefits (House, No. 5319).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2600 and 2738, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to civil service and hiring (House, No. 5323).

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1812, 1814, 1839, 1874, 1905, 1924, 1938, 1972 and 1997 and House, Nos. 2826,

Norfolk,—
wastewater.

Northfield,—
water district.

Environment,
natural
resources and
agriculture,—
study.

Financial
services,—
study.

Id.

Industry
matters,—
study.

Health care,—
study.

Banking,—
study.

Motor vehicle
violations,—
study.

Retirement
benefits,—
study.

Civil
service,—
study.

Taxation and
advertising,—

2853, 2854, 2860, 2892, 2894, 2928, 2943, 2969, 2972, 2973, 2974, 2976, 2998, 3080, 3081, 4042, 4074, 4173 and 4179, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to taxation, advertising, and other related matters (House, No. 5279) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a recommitted joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Belmont to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5215) [Local Approval Received].

Belmont,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Melanie Figueroa to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5278) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
Melanie
Figueroa.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Lauren Bonnell to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5283) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
Lauren
Bonnell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5327, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Molly Shahvari (House, No. 5345).

Molly
Shahvari,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating May 6 as Moyamoya Disease awareness day (House, No. 3211); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 5177);

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 authorizing the city of Salem to enact a condominium conversion ordinance for buildings containing two or more residential units (House, No. 4453), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hinsdale to continue employment of police chief Susan Rathbun (House, No. 5062), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hinsdale,—
Susan
Rathbun.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved that it be amended by adding the following section:

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5062, amended) 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seventeen 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 Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.