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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Barber of Somerville 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 (Ms. Barber), the members and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to power Massachusetts's clean energy economy (House, No. 4204), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, October 13.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) commending PTC Therapeutics, Inc., for its recognition of October 23, 2021 as Aromatic L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Deficiency Awareness Day;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury) recognizing November 14 to 20, 2021 as Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) Awareness Week; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Walsh of Peabody) congratulating James Robert Langley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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.

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4206) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Whately be authorized to continue the employment of Edwin Zaniewski as a member of the police department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Pledge of allegiance.

Clean energy.

PTC Therapeutics Inc.

Thyroid Eye Disease Week.

James Langley.

Whately,— Edwin Zaniewski.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2554) (on Senate bill No. 2545), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2556) of Ryan C. Fattman and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Dudley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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 joint petition 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. 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 Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Classifying the death of city of Lawrence police patrolman Jacob Eyssi (House, No. 3910) [Local Approval Received];

Amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3981) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the amendment of section 3-4 of the home rule charter of the city of Methuen (House, No. 3984) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing an open town meeting in the town of Lee (House, No. 4092) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Sudbury to transfer a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4108) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill requiring carbon monoxide alarms in all residential, governmental and commercial structures (House, No. 2421).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire safety education in schools and colleges (House, No. 2434).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the care and transportation of police dogs injured in the line of duty (Nero's Law) (House, No. 2547).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Voting.

Dudley, liquor licenses.

Millville,— Carroll greenway.

Lawrence,— Jacob Eyssi.

Easthampton, charter.

Methuen, charter.

Lee,—

town meeting.

Sudbury, land.

Carbon monoxide alarms.

Schools, fire safety.

Police dogs, care. By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Brookline (House, No. 4083) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to kayak safety (House, No. 2528).

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Designating the Podokesaurus holyokensis as the official dinosaur of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3190) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the membership of the board of selectmen of the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3948) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to utility improvements on private roads in the town of Eastham (House, No. 3986);

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.

Recess.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Ms. Barber of Somerville being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes before three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Ms. Barber in the Chair.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4200), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 2A, in item 1599-4448, striking out the figures: "220,959,369" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "251,500,000";

Inserting after section 4 the following 2 sections:

"SECTION 4A. Section 32 of chapter 124 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '2021' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-2022.

SECTION 4B. Section 41 of chapter 124 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking out the figure '2021' and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-2022.";

Striking out section 9;

Inserting after section 14 the following section:

"SECTION 14A. Item 2810-0122 of said section 2 of said chapter 24 is hereby amended by striking the words 'provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the preservation, protection, signage and maintenance of historic prison Brookline, housing.

Kayak safety.

Third reading bills.

Recess.

Supplemental appropriations.

camp structures in the town of Rutland', and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended to the Rutland Historical Commission for the preservation, protection, signage and maintenance of historic prison camp structures in the town of Rutland";

Inserting after section 20 the following section:

"SECTION 20A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the special legislative commission established in section 111 of chapter 253 of the acts of 2020 is hereby revived and continued to December 31, 2021. The special legislative commission shall file its report pursuant to subsection (d) of said section 111 of said chapter 253 with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate not later than December 31, 2021."; and

In section 23, in lines 429 to 436, inclusive, striking out the text contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

"38. between the University of Massachusetts and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888, Lowell Campus, Unit L95;

39. between the University of Massachusetts and the Teamsters Local 25, Lowell Campus, Unit L94;

40. between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the National Association of Government Employees, Local R1-292, Unit A;

41. between the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Coalition of MassDOT Unions, Unit D;

42. between the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888;

43. between the Court Administrator of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 6, AFL-CIO; and

44. between the Court Administrator of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the National Association of Government Employees International Union, Local 5000."

The Senate amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Subsequently the amendments (reported by said committee to be correctly drawn) were adopted, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4200, amended), 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.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Contraception coverage.

Bill enacted.

Exempting all positions in the police department and fire department of the town of Swampscott from the civil service law (see House, No. 93); and

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Burlington to select board (see House, No. 2166);

(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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,----

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

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Ms. Barber of Somerville being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Bills enacted.