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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, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess, and at the request of Representatives Kushmerek of Fitchburg and Capano of Lynn, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Mrs. Helen L. Luongo of Lynn, who passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022. She was the loving wife of Carmen Luongo, Jr., her soul mate of 72 years. Born and raised in Everett, she was a graduate of Everett High School and lived in Lynn for the past 67 years.

Helen was a community advocate and the voice for those in need in the area and served on the boards of many non-profit organizations in the greater Lynn area. She worked as a Congressional Aide to Congressman Michael Harrington in the 6th Congressional District of Massachusetts. Through her decades of volunteering and serving local, state and elected officials and their respective campaigns, she spoke fondly of her interactions while volunteering with President John F. Kennedy and Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Ted Kennedy.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children: Skip, Steven, Mark, Mary, Curt, and John as well as, 14 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and two sisters. She will be missed.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Monday, November 14, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 5315 and 5330.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5366) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Pledge of allegiance.

Helen L. Luongo.

Public Service committee, extension of time for reporting. Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5369) of Brian M. Ashe and Eric P. Lesser (by vote of the town) that the town of Hampden be authorized to continue the employment of Peter Hatch, a member of the fire department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas and Diana DiZoglio for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brittany S. Ketcham, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill directing the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame (House, No. 5322), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House (the time within which said committee is required to report having expired):

Authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 5012) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the town of Acton to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 5013) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of 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 Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 5254, a Bill further amending Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1994 (House, No. 5368) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Joint Rule 33, to the committees on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. (see Senate, No. 2503, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham (see House, No. 3997);

Authorizing the town of Shutesbury to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4559);

Peter Hatch, employment.

Brittney Ketcham, sick leave.

Nelson Burlingame, retirement.

Acton, bag fee.

Acton, public notices.

Northampton, land.

Bills enacted.

Exempting certain affordable housing in the city of Worcester from public procurement laws (see House, No. 4850); and

Providing for provisional licensure for speech-language pathologists (see House, No. 5094);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the transfer of original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4627);

Relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton (House, No. 5010); and

Relative to certain affordable housing in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 5036);

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.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Bourne (House, No. 4576), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

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. 5370), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill providing for a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement with owners of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4768), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it, in lines 9, 10 and 11, by striking out the words ", including spent fuel pools and dry cask storage systems in which nuclear fuel is stored and is pending further or final disposal from a nuclear powered-electric generation facility following the permanent cessation of power operations of such facility".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4768, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,-

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

Order.

Bourne,—

Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant.

Third reading bills.

Next sitting. At nineteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.