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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.

Petitions.

The following additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, February 19, 2021) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Ms. Miranda of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4236) of Liz Miranda and others for legislation to provide for an audit and an investigation by a special commission concerning gun violence prevention and intervention funding. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Gun violence
prevention,—
commission.

Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4235) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) that the town of Hull be authorized to grant up to 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hull,—
liquor
licenses.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dennis Bain for adoption of resolutions by the General Court requesting the Governor (with consent of the council) to remove Judge Melanie Gargas from the Middlesex County Family and Probate Court.

Judge Gargas,—
removal.

By Messrs. González of Springfield and Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carlos González, David M. Rogers and Russell E. Holmes relative to civil asset forfeiture.

Civil asset
forfeiture.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chynah Tyler and others relative to compensation for paramedics and emergency medical technicians providing ambulance services during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Paramedics,—
compensation.

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

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

Lowell,—
land.

the petition of Rady Mom that the Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain land in the city of Lowell to the Lowell Housing Authority. 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4021) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Martha's
Vineyard.

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 authorizing the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and play ground [sic] purposes (Senate, No. 29) [Local Approval Received]; and

New Bedford,—
land.

House bills

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Orleans as the Norman Wood Finch memorial bridge (House, No. 3969);

Orleans,—
Finch bridge.

Relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Brookline (House, No. 4083) [Local Approval Received];

Brookline,—
housing.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the Ted and Mary Murphy bridge (House, No. 4099);

Haverhill,—
Murphy bridge.

Relative to the Provincetown public pier corporation (House, No. 4190) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,—
public pier.

Authorizing the town of Eastham, acting by and through its board of selectmen, to convey a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land to the Eastham Conservation Foundation, Inc. [sic] (House, No. 4192) [Local Approval Received];

Eastham,—
land.

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. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to support families (House, No. 221, changed in section 2, in line 9, by striking out the figures: "1506" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "5106").

Families,—
support.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill creating a center on child wellness and trauma (House, No. 238).

Child wellness
and trauma.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill requiring the documentation of child counsel appointments (House, No. 187).

Child counsel
appointments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 204 and 212, a Bill establishing a foster parents' Bill of Rights (House, No. 212) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].

Foster
parents,—
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to assure quality foster care (House, No. 213).	Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to foster care recruitment (House, No. 232).	Foster care,— recruitment.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to children’s advocacy centers and the Massachusetts children’s alliance (House, No. 3816).	Children’s advocacy centers.
By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 497 and House, No. 872, a Bill increasing the annual stipend for members of the Commonwealth’s hazardous material response teams (House, No. 872).	Hazardous material response,— stipend.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a study of Kingsbury Pond in the town of Norfolk (House, No. 885).	Norfolk,— Kingsbury Pond.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 587 and House, No. 904, a Bill further regulating the enforcement of illegal hunting practices (House, No. 904).	Hunting,— illegal practices.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to provide for housing within the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest (House, No. 909).	Correllus forest.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to release easements upon certain real property in the town of Canton (House, No. 915).	Canton,— easements.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (House, No. 3231).	Food Policy Council.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain easement in the town of Savoy (House, No. 4088).	Savoy,— easement.
By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to protect vulnerable road users by requiring certain vehicles to be equipped with side under-ride guards and blind spot mirrors (House, No. 3505).	Vehicular equipment.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill expanding access to adoption (House, No. 243).	Adoption,— expansion.
By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 887).	Milton and Canton,— officer markers.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.	

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police department members Robert Warger, Joseph Mieczkowski and Raymond Burniske (see House, No. 4128) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.	Bill enacted.
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Orders of the Day.

The House Bill changing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a Select Board (House, No. 3859), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill relative to the Chilmark select board (House, No. 3985), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Chilmark,—
select board.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law or by law to the contrary, the executive body of the town of Chilmark, previously known as the board of selectmen, shall be known as the select board of the town of Chilmark, which shall have all of the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law or by-law; provided further, that the members of the select board, previously known as selectmen, shall be known as select board members.

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

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3985, 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (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.