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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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5394), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, November 18.

Supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced John F. Hanlon, former mayor and current member of the city council of the city of Everett. He was the guest of Mr. McGonagle of Everett.

John
Hanlon.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and introduced 5th grade students from the Oak Street Elementary School in Franklin, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Mr. Roy of Franklin and were accompanied by Senator Rausch.

Franklin,—
Oak Street
School
students.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Owens of Watertown) congratulating Roberto Ravicz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Roberto
Ravicz.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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 Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5396) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to preliminary election dates and

Salem,—
vacancies.

filling vacancies in the offices of mayor and councillor in the city of Salem; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill providing for the merger of the Shelburne Housing Authority with the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority and for the restructuring of the membership of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 4772) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 3140. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Shelburne
Housing
Authority.

A Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3141) (on Senate bill No. 2855) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Wareham,—
liquor
licenses.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Regarding the disability pension for Elaina McAlister (House, No. 5386) [Local Approval Received]; and

Elaina
McAlister.

Regarding the disability pension for Kurt Stokinger (House, No. 5387) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Kurt Stokinger.

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

A report of the committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling, under the provisions of the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Senate Bill authorizing the investment of trust funds benefiting the town of Sherborn library (Senate, No. 1355) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Sherborn,—
library.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5372, a Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to grant an additional all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises alcoholic beverages license (House, No. 5395) [Local Approval Received].

Franklin,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a recommitted petition, a Bill relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown (House, No. 5339) [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,—
property taxes.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (see House, No. 4339, 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.

License revocations,—
loan defaults.

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 4 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.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the select board of Easton to lease a certain parcel of land (see Senate, No. 3131) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Amending the charter of the city of Newburyport (see House, No. 3925);

Authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver (see House, No. 4297, amended);

Relative to the preparation of certain bilingual ballots in the city of Malden (see House, No. 4793, amended); and

Providing for tenant member appointment to the board of the Needham Housing Authority (see House, No. 4964);

(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.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing the Framingham economic development corporation in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4352), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Framingham economic development corporation.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Montague to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5252) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee 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 authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 5365), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Newton,—
armory lease.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in section 1 by adding the following sentence: “The lease shall be for the purpose of providing affordable housing units, all of which shall be permanently subject to necessary affordability restrictions as set forth in chapter 157 of the acts of 2020.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5365, 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 Wednesday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.