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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Change of Address of a Member.

A communication was received from Representative Cutler, formerly of Pembroke, that his official home town of record had changed (effective immediately) to the town of Duxbury.

Representative Cutler of Duxbury.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Jacob Botelho on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Markey of Dartmouth) congratulating Brian Baptiste on the occasion of his becoming the winningest active coach in Division III men's basketball;

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

Jacob Botelho.

Brian Baptiste.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Cutler of Pembroke and Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and Dylan A. Fernandes that the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development be authorized to establish a four-day work week pilot program.

By Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo, Samantha Montaño and Francisco E. Paulino relative to electrical load aggregation programs.

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

Four day work week.

Electrical aggregation programs.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition of Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish boxer protection and a safe and regulated environment for professional combat sports in Massachusetts, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Combat sports,— regulation.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Mr. Parisella of Beverly, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2381) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate its action.

Elderly and disabled,— emergency aid.

Reports

Of the committee on Elder Affairs, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 371) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Susannah M. Whipps, Brian W. Murray, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide emergency aid to certain elderly and disabled residents,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities; and

Of the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 466) of Julian Cyr for legislation to promote conservation through oyster shell recycling;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 478) of James B. Eldridge, Adam Scanlon, Michael J. Barrett, Paul W. Mark and other members of the General Court for legislation to expand the sale of products by farmer breweries;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 484) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to promote economic opportunities for cottage food entrepreneurs;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 490) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation relative to agricultural disaster relief;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 491) of Anne M. Gobi and Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation relative to creating an animal advisory board to the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 496) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to define farming;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 502) of Anne M. Gobi and Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to reducing food insecurity;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 507) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Rebecca L. Rausch, Vanna Howard and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a food justice frontline;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 539) of Susan L. Moran, William M. Straus, Michael D. Brady, Mathew J. Muratore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to a cranberry wetland mitigation bank; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 553) of Jacob R. Oliveira, Lydia Edwards, Brian W. Murray, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote economic opportunities for cottage food entrepreneurs;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 538) of Susan L. Moran, Thomas M. Stanley and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to clean lighting,—and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Oyster shell recycling.

Farmer breweries,—products.

Cottage foods.

Agricultural disasters.

Animal advisory board.

Farming,—definition.

Food insecurity.

Food justice.

Cranberry wetland bank.

Cottage foods.

Clean lighting.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2380) of Liz Miranda (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in Boston, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Boston, liquor licenses.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jane Racine, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3771), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Jane Racine, sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Hollie Barter, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 3713) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2376), was read a third time.

Third reading bill.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be consolidated with the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 1729), likewise referred to said committee; and the report was accepted. The bill (Senate, No. 2376) then was passed to be engrossed, in 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 nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.