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Thursday, November 7, 2024.

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.

Petition.

Representative Gordon of Bedford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4909) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) for legislation to extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Burlington; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Burlington,—
liquor
licenses.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Michael F. Rush for legislation to protect Norwood healthcare access, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Norwood
Hospital.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2979) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate its action.

Reports of a Committee.

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:

To amend the Saugus town charter (House, No. 5059) [Local Approval Received]; and

Saugus,—
charter.

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 5066) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,—
fund.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of North Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 4784);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Oxford to continue the employment of Craig Gagner (see House, No. 4797);

Authorizing the select board of the town of Bernardston to appoint an associate member to the board of health (see House, No. 4886);

Further regulating the fiscal authority of the town administrator of the town of Dudley (see House, No. 4887); and

Authorizing the town of Rowley to continue the employment of call firefighter Donald Dupray (see House, No. 5024);

(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 House Bill authorizing Christina Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4859), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Haverhill,—
Christina
Rodriguez.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 4 and 5, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4859, 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.