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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 Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (House, No. 4172), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, November 9.

Veterans,—
benefits.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Kenneth J. Calder on his retirement from the Weston Department of Works; and

Kenneth
Calder.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kane of Shrewsbury) commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury;

Shrewsbury,—
church.

Mr. 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 the same member, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to annual lists and manufacturing corporations.

Lists and
corporations.

By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to release certain land use restrictions in the city of Revere.

Revere,—
land.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Westport to select board (House, No. 3751) (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 2486. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Westport,—
select board.

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 petition of Erika Uyterhoeven relative to establishing minimum salaries for teachers and education support professionals. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Education,—
minimum
salaries.

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:

Relative to wastewater in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 2095) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,—
wastewater.

Relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 2096) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Relative to care, custody, and control and uses of Wing Island (House, No. 3875) [Local Approval Received];

Brewster,—
Wing Island.

Authorizing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Rockland to serve as cemetery commissioners for the town of Rockland (House, No. 4010) [Local Approval Received];

Rockland,—
cemetery
commissioners.

Providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Kingston (House, No. 4011) [Local Approval Received];

Kingston,—
appointment.

Relative to the charter of the town of Rockland (House, No. 4036) [Local Approval Received];

Rockland,—
charter.

Relative to the planning board in the town of Shutesbury (House, No. 4038) [Local Approval Received]; and

Shutesbury,—
board.

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Norton (House, No. 4039) [Local Approval Received];

Norton,—
investments.

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to changing the board of selectmen in the town of Foxborough (House, No. 3724) [Local Approval Received].

Foxborough,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 3725, changed in section 24, in lines 301 and 302, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “(c) A Principal Assessor shall be a full-time employee of the city, hired by the Mayor and pursuant to the provisions of

Greenfield,—
charter.

Charter section 6-3, the Department of Municipal Finances.”) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in the town of Hanson local licenses and permits; denial, revocation or suspension for failure to comply with conditions of approval (House, No. 3984) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an appointed town clerk in the town of Rutland (House, No. 3985) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the Needham charter (House, No. 3997) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill 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. 4012) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to certain parcels of land in the town of Cohasset (House, No. 4037) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4042) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing a trust to administer a length of service award program for the Swansea Fire Department (House, No. 4047) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Bolton (House, No. 4056) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the office of town clerk and town treasurer in the town known as Southwick (House, No. 4079) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton (House, No. 4080) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Swampscott (House, No. 4086) [Local Approval Received].

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jaer J. Martinez, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 4110), 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.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hanson,—
building
compliance.

Rutland,—
town clerk.

Needham,—
charter.

Eastham,—
land.

Cohasset,—
land.

Wellesley,—
community
housing.

Swansea,—
volunteer
firefighters.

Bolton,—
town clerk.

Southwick,—
town clerk
and treasurer.

Northampton,—
Forbes
Library.

Swampscott,—
select board.

Jaer
Martinez,—
sick leave.

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.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Corinne Senna, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 4144, 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.

Corinne Senna,—
sick leave.

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 2 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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing Adrian Peters to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3654); and

Relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the town of Dedham (House, No. 3910);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Hull to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 2084), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hull,—
pension bonds.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 14, by inserting after the word “or” the words “notes. Except as otherwise provided in this act, such bonds or notes shall be subject to”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2084, 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-six 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.

