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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 — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendments to sections 221, 222 and 223 of the engrossed Bill relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership [see House, No. 5100] (for message, see House, No. 5112) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, November 20.

Economic
leadership.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the sections were thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendments recommended by the Governor, the sections (published as House, No. 5111), were referred, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Thomas Hastings on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America);

Thomas
Hastings.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Vaughn of Wrentham) congratulating Marco Silva Benson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Marco
Benson.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Vaughn of Wrentham) congratulating Brandon Luke Popper on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Brandon
Popper.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Cambridge) commending nine lifetime members of the Belmont chapter of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts for more than fifty years of public service; and

Belmont League
of Women
Voters.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vitolo of Brookline and Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose) commending local public health advocates including the Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition for their commitment to fostering healthier generations;

Mystic Valley
Public Health
Coalition.

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

Communication.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations governing the Stretch and Specialized Code Regulations (House, No. 5122), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Division
of Energy
Resources,—
regulations.

Petition.

Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5124) of Meghan K. Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to continue the employment of Steven A. Hilliger, a firefighter of said town, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lancaster,—
Steven
Hilliger.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kate Sout-Sorm, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Kate
Sout-Sorm,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2986) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jeanne Rainone, an employee of the Department of Children and Families. To the committee on Public Service.

Jeanne
Rainone,—
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kip A. Diggs and Julian Cyr relative to the transportation of marine vessels. To the committee on Transportation.

Marine
vessels.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Turner, an employee of the Norfolk County sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2981); and

Jonathan
Turner.

House bills

Extending residency requirements for members of the regular police or fire departments and fire alarm division of the city of Newton (House, No. 5085) [Local Approval Received];

Newton,—
police
and fire.

Extending the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Swansea (House, No. 5092) [Local Approval Received];

Swansea,—
liquor licenses.

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert the annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 75 of the acts of 2008 to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5093) [Local Approval Received]; and

Salem,—
liquor
license.

Authorizing the town of Uxbridge to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5096) [Local Approval Received].

Uxbridge,—
liquor
licenses.

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

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Adam Watt (House, No. 5080) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Adam
Watt.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Jean E. Roseney (House, No. 5081) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Jean
Roseney.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Keny Gateau (House, No. 5082) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Keny
Gateau.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel McKim, an employee of Worcester County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 5116).

Daniel
McKim,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4081, a Bill authorizing the town of Acushnet to continue the employment of Call Deputy Fire Chief (House, No. 5121) [Local Approval Received].

Acushnet,—
employment.

By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio memorial highway (House, No. 5118).

Lenox,—
Dindio
highway.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill including the Salem harbor designated port area as part of the Salem harbor port area (see House, No. 4398) (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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston (House, No. 5114), was considered. The pending motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, of Thursday, November 21, to suspend the rules, was laid aside as moot. The bill, having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, then was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Mr. Howitt of Seekonk moved that this vote be reconsidered and the motion to reconsider was considered forthwith; and it was negatived. The bill (House, No. 5114) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
property
taxes.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to recall elected officials in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea (printed as Senate, No. 440), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Manchester-
by-the-Sea,—
recall elections.

House bills

Extending the mandatory retirement age for Daniel Santos as deputy chief of the town of West Brookfield fire department (House, No. 4780) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of West Brookfield to continue the employment of George Kenneth Collette (House, No. 4781) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Howitt of Seekonk (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.