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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.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5077), 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 2974. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Subsequently the amendment (having been reported by said committee to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5132. The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Deputy John Robert Kotfila Jr. memorial bridge (House, No. 3466), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 6 striking out the words "on the bridge". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Falmouth,— Kotfila bridge.

Reports of Committees.

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 amending Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2023 (Senate, No. 2714) [Local Approval Received]; and

The House Bill authorizing the town of Marshfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5095) [Local Approval Received].

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.

Rochester,—district.

Marshfield,—

liquor licenses.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5128, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne Rainone, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5131). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jeanne Rainone, sick leave.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the Adams Fire District to maintain an enterprise fund (see House, No. 2031);

Bills enacted.

Repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (see House, No. 4525); and

Amending the appointment of and election restrictions on finance committee and capital planning members in the town of Newbury (see House, No. 4742);

(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 Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Turner, an employee of the Norfolk County Sheriff's office (Senate, No, 2981), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Saugus (House, No. 5059) (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.

Id.

Recess.

At nineteen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at five minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 5077, 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.

Supplemental appropriations.

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.

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 one minute after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.