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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.

Statement of Representative Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose.

A statement of Ms. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of the sitting of Friday, July 31st. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on yea and nay numbers 263 to 270, inclusive.

Statement of
Representative
Lipper-Garabedian
of Melrose.

Petition.

Representative Cusack of Braintree and Senator Driscoll presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack and William J. Driscoll, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elda Sotiri, an employee of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Elda Sotiri,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Dennis to publish legal notices digitally (Senate, No. 3098) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Dennis,—
legal notices.

Authorizing the town of Foxborough to grant three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3266) (on Senate bill No. 3094) [Local Approval Received];

Foxborough,—
liquor
licenses.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to authorize the Montague Center Fire District and the Turners Falls Fire District to continue the membership of members John Annear, Lawrence William Peters Jr., David Rehorka, Richard Sawin and Sallie Sawin, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee Public Service.

Montague
Center and
Turners Falls
fire districts.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3268) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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:

Exempting George Patrinos from the maximum age requirement age for the position of firefighter in the town of Dudley (printed in House, No. 5520); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Nelligan (House, No. 5657);

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

Dudley,—
George Patrinos.
Patrick
Nelligan,—
sick leave.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5548) (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 Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 5351), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Charity alcohol
auctions.

The House Bill removing the treasurer as acting mayor in the Holyoke charter (House, No. 5171), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

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 five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.