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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

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 Dwight “Smitty” Rogers upon the occasion of his retirement from the town of Wellesley and the Department of Public Works; and

Dwight
Rogers.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kassner of Hamilton) celebrating the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the Newbury Town Library;

Newbury,—
library.

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

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 Michael J. Soter, Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to designate the roundabout at the intersection of state highways Routes 146 and 16 in the town of Uxbridge as the Officer Stephen A. LaPorta memorial roundabout. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Uxbridge,—
LaPorta
roundabout.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following Senate bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elijah George Osborne (Senate, No. 3017) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Elijah George
Osborne.

Establishing a sewer and water advisory board in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 3087) [Local Approval Received];

Walpole,—
board.

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

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the filling of a vacancy on the Groton-Dunstable School Committee (House, No. 5542) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Groton-Dunstable
School
Committee.

By Mr. Hunt of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 5462) [Local Approval Received].

Middleton,—
town
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 5521) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—
recall
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to recall elections in the town of Danvers (House, No. 5539) [Local Approval Received].

Danvers,—
recall
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to Fall River polling places (House, No. 5556) [Local Approval Received].

Fall River,—
polling.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gillen, an employee of the highway division (see House, No. 5528, 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.

Edward
Gillen,—
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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to convert 4 licenses for sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to 4 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2526, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Designating Domestic Workers' Rights Day (see House, No. 3417);

Authorizing Kenneth Navarro to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4476);

Authorizing William "Rob" Cargill to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4477);

Authorizing Jonathan Gagne to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see House, No. 4879);

Authorizing charity alcohol auctions (see House, No. 5351, amended); and

Authorizing the town of Marion to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5451);

(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 amending the town charter in the town of Oxford (House, No. 5261), 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.

The Senate Bill establishing residency requirements for the offices of mayor, city councilor and school committee in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2957), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Brockton,—
residency
requirements.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved that it be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5665.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2957, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

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.

Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Rogers of Cambridge and Day of Stoneham moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Edward J. Dever, Jr., a member of the House from Arlington from 1965 to 1972, inclusive, and Assistant Counsel to the House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.