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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Fiola of Fall River, Ouellette of Westport, Silvia of Fall River, Scanlon of North Attleborough and Hawkins of Attleboro) congratulating Gladys Driscoll on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Gladys
Driscoll.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating Charles Curtiss on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of Scouting America;

Charles
Curtiss.

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

Petitions.

Representative Shand of Newburyport and Senator Finegold presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dawne Shand and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Gina
Dellagatta,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Duffy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Murphy, an employee of the Human Resources Division.

Jonathan
Murphy,—
sick leave.

By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alan Silvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the Department of Mental Health.

Kimberly Gervais,—
sick leave.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Millis to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4605), 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 3274. Referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Millis,—
property taxes.

A Bill providing for the retirement status of employees of the division of natural resources of the town of Yarmouth (Senate, No. 3273) (on Senate bill, No. 2712) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Yarmouth,—
employees.

A communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations relative to transfer of interests in a racing meeting licensing for (205 CMR 17.00) (Senate, No. 3277), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Racing meeting
licensing,—
regulations.

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:

Authorizing “print-free” digital legal notices for the town of Stow (House, No. 5603) [Local Approval Received]; and

Stow,—
digital notices.

Establishing a sick leave bank for David Gilman, an employee of the department of correction (House, No. 5677);

David Gilman,—
sick leave.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the town of Holbrook to appoint Patrick Doherty as a firefighter notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see Senate, No. 3165) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Falmouth to acquire and dispose of certain land (see House, No. 5108);

Amending the charter of the town of Oxford to remove the residency requirement for the town manager position (see House, No. 5261); and

Authorizing the continued employment of Michael Marchand, the fire chief in the town of Upton (see House, No. 5389);

(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 authorizing a certain employment contract for the town of Boylston (Senate, No. 3088), 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.

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 six 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.