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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).

Pledge of allegiance.

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.

Resolutions.

Robert Diliddo.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Sergeant Robert Diliddo on his retirement from the Brockton Police Department after thirty-one years, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Scituate,—property.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5701) of Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) that the town of Scituate be authorized to dispose of a portion of the Cushing Elementary School property in said town to the Scituate Food Pantry, Inc.;

Oxford,—select board.

By Representative McKenna of Sutton and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5702) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Oxford be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board;

Brockton,—land.

By Representatives Mendes of Brockton and Plouffe of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5703) of Rita A. Mendes and Bridget Plouffe (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property owned by the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton, Inc. in the city of Brockton; and

Id.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5704) of Rita A. Mendes (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the school committee and city council of the city of Brockton to declare certain land known as Keith Field to be surplus.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Boston,—Melvin Casseus.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5705) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston police department be authorized to waive the maximum age

requirement for police officers for Melvin Casseus. To the committee on Public Service.

Chatham,— tax accounts.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5706) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to tax title and tax deferment accounts in the town of Chatham. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Parking,— monitoring technologies.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo for legislation to regulate the use of automated license plate readers or similar parking monitoring technologies in municipalities.

Julia Matthews,— sick leave.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Rogers for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julia Matthews, an employee of the Department of Public Health.

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

Reports of Committees.

Kimberly Gervais,— sick leave.

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 Alan Silvia for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Gervais, an employee of the Department of Mental Health. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

South Deerfield Fire District,— Steven Kolakoski.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill authorizing the South Deerfield Fire District to continue the employment of fire department member Steven Kolakoski (Senate, No. 3155), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

New Bedford,— police association.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to retirement benefits, credible service and continued employment (House, No. 5423), reported, in part, a Bill relative to the New Bedford Police Association (House, No. 4747). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Carry Shulock-Sexton, an employee of the Department of Agricultural Resources (see House, No. 5685) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill amending the Waterways Capital Improvement Fund in the town of Dennis (Senate, No. 3097), 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.