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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.

Petitions.

Ware,—liquor license.

Representative Smola of Warren and Senator Durant presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5709) of Todd M. Smola and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) that the town of Ware be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Nancy Jean Richard,—sick leave.

Representatives Gordon of Bedford and DeCoste of Norwell presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon and David F. DeCoste for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Nancy Jean Richard, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Plymouth,—land.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to enter into a lease with the town of Plymouth for purposes of maintaining the Pilgrim Memorial state park in the town of Plymouth (see Senate, No. 3235, amended), which had been returned to the Senate by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment [for message, see Senate, No. 3254], came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been amended by said branch by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, but for purposes consistent with Article 97 of the amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, the commissioner of the department of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation, may enter into a 25-year lease with the town of Plymouth for an area to include the existing bandstand from Water Street to the barrier wall on a parcel of land known as the Pilgrim Memorial State Park, which is located at 79 Water street, in the town of Plymouth. As part of the development of the lease terms, the departments shall consult the Office of the Inspector General. The departments may also hold one or

more public hearings to receive input and public comment from interested parties on the development of the lease.

(b) Any lease executed under this section shall be on terms, conditions and consideration acceptable to the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation, and consistent with the purposes of Article 97 of the amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; provided, however, that any lease entered into pursuant to this section shall provide that: (i) the lease may be extended for up to three 10-year terms upon the mutual agreement of the department of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the department of conservation and recreation; (ii) the town of Plymouth shall provide general oversight for land, facilities, fields and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease; (iii) the town of Plymouth shall carry comprehensive general liability insurance naming the commonwealth as a co-insured, to protect the commonwealth against all claims for personal injury or property damage arising from or on land and appurtenances associated therewith during the term of the lease; (iv) any leased portion of Pilgrim Memorial State Park shall be accessible to the general public when not in use by permittees and permits shall be limited to reasonable and necessary times and areas that protect the public's interest in access to the park; (v) the town of Plymouth shall not design or construct any capital improvements in the leased area without the prior written approval of the commissioner of the department of capital asset management and maintenance and the commissioner of the department of conservation and recreation; (vi) fiscal responsibility for capital improvements is clearly described; (vii) the town of Plymouth shall be responsible for all utility costs, subject to the lease, and for the general day-to-day maintenance of the leased premises at the sole expense of the town of Plymouth; and (viii) the town of Plymouth shall have sole responsibility for the development of rules and the establishment of fees, such rules to be the subject of public hearing and public comment, for the use of the leased portion of Pilgrim Memorial Park. All fees and other revenue collected by the town of Plymouth shall be placed in a segregated special revenue fund expended solely for the operation, maintenance, repair, capital improvement or other costs attributable to activities related to the leased area.".

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Topsfield,—Neal Hovey.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue the employment of police chief Neal Hovey (House, No. 5435), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in section 1, by inserting after the second sentence, the following sentence: "While continuing to serve as police chief in the town of Topsfield, Neal Hovey shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Bills

State parks day.

Designating the first Wednesday in May as State Parks Day (Senate, No. 2212) (on a petition); and

Randolph,—charter.

Amending the charter of the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 3287) (on Senate bill No. 3084) [Local Approval Received]; and

Millbury,—liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Millbury to grant 6 additional liquor licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3234) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

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.

Reports of Committees.

Julia Matthews,—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 David M. Rogers for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Julia Matthews, an employee of the Department of Public 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.

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

Greenfield,—liquor license.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3261) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Somerville,—police officers.

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of Somerville (House, No. 5606) [Local Approval Received]; and

Rutland,—liquor license.

Authorizing the town of Rutland to convert one seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5693) [Local Approval Received];

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

Gina Dellagatta,—sick leave.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Dellagatta, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 5686).

Jonathan Murphy,—sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Murphy, an employee of the Human Resources Division (House, No. 5695).

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill amending the Waterways Capital Improvement Fund in the town of Dennis (see Senate, No. 3097) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

Orders of the Day.

Beverly Regional Airport.

The House Bill relative to noise report data and good neighbor policy at Beverly Regional Airport (House, No. 5278), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5708), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Next sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Wednesday next at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon.