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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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Garlick of Needham as co-chair and Michael Widmer to the special commission established (under Section 101 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) to conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the appropriate level of funding for the Department of Correction and each sheriff's department.

Sheriff's funding commission.

Statement of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

A statement of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley 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 was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, September 25, due to a family emergency. If I could have been present for the votes taken on amendment numbers 1 and 2 and 4 to 10, inclusive, offered to House bill No. 4087, relative to campaign finance (see Yeas and Nays numbered 97 to 105, inclusive), I would have voted in the negative, in each instance. I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 106, on adoption of amendment number 3, as changed; and on Yea and Nay No. 107, on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Ayers of Quincy) recognizing the month of November, 2019 as National American Indian Heritage Month, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

American Indian month.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ayers, 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 Soter of Bellingham and Senator Fattman presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) of Michael J. Soter and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) relative to the funding of the other post-employment benefits liability trust fund in the town of Uxbridge; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Uxbridge,—
fund.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III and others relative to municipal access to utility poles located in municipal rights-of-way.

Utility poles,—
municipal
access.

By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and Donald F. Humason, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Shannon Ondras, an employee of the Trial Court.

Shannon
Ondras,—
sick leave.

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Welch, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Finn and James T. Welch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Stone-Harrington, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Kathleen Stone-
Harrington,—
sick leave.

By Representative Tosado of Springfield and Senator Lesser, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of José F. Tosado, Eric P. Lesser and Joseph F. Wagner for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Christopher Trigilio, an employee of the Trial Court.

Christopher
Trigilio,—
sick leave.

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely relative to the membership of licensing boards of certain cities and towns.

Licensing
boards,—
membership.

By Mr. Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino and others for legislation to prohibit discrimination based on natural hairstyles.

Natural
hairstyles,—
discrimination.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amanda Franczek, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2322, amended in line 4 by inserting after the name: “Franczek” the words “to care for her child”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Amanda
Franczek,—
sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2355) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter (by vote of the town) for legislation to regulate certain insurance benefits for elected officials of the town of Blackstone, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Blackstone,—
insurance
benefits.

A petition of Rebecca L. Rausch, Paul J. Donato, Maria Duaine Robinson, Denise Provost and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote community immunity, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Immunizations.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2359) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to establish a memorial bench in Pope John Paul II Park in the city of Boston in memory of Robert M. “Bobby” Mudge. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Boston,—
Mudge
bench.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kay Khan, Cynthia Stone Creem and others that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel land in the city of Newton to said city for affordable housing or general municipal purposes. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Newton,—
land.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

Authorizing the town of Burlington to grant additional alcoholic beverage licenses (House, No. 3676) [Local Approval Received];

Burlington,—
liquor licenses.

Relative to the capital expenditures committee of the town of Lexington (House, No. 4035) [Local Approval Received];

Lexington,—
committee.

Establishing a charter for the town of Plainville (House, No. 4036) [Local Approval Received];

Plainville,—
charter.

Authorizing the town of Swansea to grant additional alcoholic beverage licenses (House, No. 4085) [Local Approval Received]; and

Swansea,—
liquor licenses.

Authorizing the town of Fairhaven to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4086) [Local Approval Received];

Fairhaven,—
liquor
license.

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

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill regulating flavored tobacco products (House, No. 4089), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Flavored
tobacco
products.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to hospital access to discounted prescription drug prices (see House, No. 4017, 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.

Prescription
drugs,—
discounts.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing certain reporting requirements for the board of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector (see House, No. 4018, 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.

Connector
board,—
reporting.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the environmental health of the Blue Hills Reservation (see House, No. 4021, 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.

Blue Hills
Reservation.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill revising the charter for the city of Melrose (see House, No. 3822, amended) (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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.