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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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Abundance, we pray for our elected officials in this House and for their staff. We pray too for all who make this chamber their place of employment. We thank You for the many quaint and lovely places throughout the state of Massachusetts.

Prayer.

Today, we honor one such place, the small town of Rowe. The town was incorporated in 1785 by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts and is named after the Boston merchant John Rowe, the owner of the Eleanor, one of the ships that had tea in its cargo the night of the Boston Tea Party. Rowe's Wharf in Boston is also named after him.

The town of Rowe grew along mills that developed along the Deerfield River that ran through the town. Mining for zinc and sulphur was also an industry in the area and the ghost town of Davis is now part of Rowe.

In 1960, Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant became the first of its kind built and operated in New England. It shut down in 1992 and its nuclear waste is still held at the plant and awaits shipment to a containment facility in Nevada at some future date.

Though situated in Franklin County, Rowe's almost 400 residents are served by Representative Paul Mark of the Second Berkshire District. We pray for him and his staff today.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that (under Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) he had re-appointed Mr. John A. Lepper of Attleboro as his designee on the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Grandparents raising grandchildren.

Order.

Mr. Sánchez of Boston offered the following order:

Ordered, That, the joint committee on Ways and Means and the joint committee on Health Care Financing be authorized to sit jointly for the purposes of conducting a public oversight hearing on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 10:00 o'clock

Medicaid funding,— joint hearing.

A.M., in Gardner Auditorium relative to Medicaid funding and other related matters.

The order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Ms. Peake of Provincetown presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake, Julian Cyr and Dylan Fernandes for legislation to establish a regional fund for the costs associated with water quality restoration projects in the counties of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Cape Cod,—
regional
water fund.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing the first week in August as ice bucket challenge week (House, No. 1697), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Ice bucket
challenge
week.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith Ice Bucket Challenge Week during the first week in August, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Justin Michael Rizzo, an employee of the Department of Labor Standards (House, No. 3720), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, in line 2, striking out the words “department of labor standards” (as changed by the House committee on Bills in the Third Reading) and inserting in place thereof the words “executive office of labor and workforce development”; in lines 3, 4 and 9, striking out the word “department” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word “office”;

Justin
Rizzo,—
sick leave.

Striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the executive office of labor and workforce development, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Justin Michael Rizzo, an employee of the executive office of Labor and Workforce Development.”

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill relative to the promotion of mental health education in Massachusetts high schools (Senate, No. 2112) (on Senate bill No. 256), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on

High schools,—
mental health
education.

Health Care Financing.

A Bill relative to healthy youth (Senate, No. 2128) (on Senate bill No. 2113), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Healthy youth.

Reports

Of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1196) of Maura Flynn and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to reduce the risk of skin cancer and excessive UV exposure in children,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education.

Children,—
UV exposure.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1177) of Cynthia S. Creem, Thomas M. McGee, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the office of adult guardianship and decisional support services,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adult
Guardianship.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth J. Donnelly for legislation to protect workers' wages from arbitrary recoupment of overpayments, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Wages,—
overpayments.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2129) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

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 Patricia A. Haddad, Michael J. Rodrigues and Marc R. Pacheco relative to access to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Children,—
prenatal opioid
exposure.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark J. Cusack and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Andrew Williams, an employee of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. To the committee on Public Service.

Andrew
Williams,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) Josh S. Cutler and others for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the town of Hanson as the Honorable Charles W. Mann bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Hanson,—
Mann bridge.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and

Westford,—
liquor

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3737, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to issue an additional liquor license (House, No. 3839) [Local Approval Received].

license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3738, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to issue an additional liquor license (House, No. 3840) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3750, a Bill authorizing the town of Chelmsford to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3841) [Local Approval Received].

Chelmsford,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3762, a Bill establishing an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on premises (House, No. 3842) [Local Approval Received].

Milford,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Sorensen, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3837).

Mary
Sorensen,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Wareham to lease certain land (Senate, No. 1152), 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.

House bills

Relative to the traffic commission in the city of Woburn (House, No. 2779); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the employment contract for the director of public works in the town of Upton (House, No. 3726);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At twenty five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed to one o'clock P.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with the Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing the first week in August as ice bucket challenge week (see House, No. 1697, 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.

Ice bucket
challenge
week.

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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill protecting sunlight and promoting economic development in the city of Boston (see House, No. 3749) (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 before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.