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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Moran of Boston 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 Meaning and Purpose, we pray for our elected members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and their staff.

Prayer.

We are grateful for the many areas of quiet beauty. We remember today the small town of Tolland and its population of just under 500. Once a part of Granville, this town located in southwestern Hampden County was incorporated in 1850.

We pray for Tolland's Representative Smitty Pignatelli and his staff.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Moran), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Statement of Representative Walsh of Framingham.

A statement of Mr. Walsh of Framingham 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 attend the formal session on July 26th, 2017.

Statement of
Mr. Walsh of
Framingham.

Yesterday, the House voted on An Act relative to simulcasting and racing (House, No. 208), to extend simulcasting and allow live racing to continue in Massachusetts. Had I been able to vote in the formal session, I would have voted YES on this bill.

I would have voted No on Representative Jones of North Reading's further amendment to the Governor's amendment on An Act relative to employer contributions to health care (House, No. 3288); and I also would have also voted NO on the Governor's amendment, regarding a \$200 million assessment on employers needed to balance the budget.

Had I been able to vote on Chairman Sanchez's amendment to this bill I would have voted YES.

My missing of roll calls yesterday was due entirely to the reason stated.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Heroux for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Lornece Tull, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Lornece
Tull,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Mirra of West Newbury (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Crystal Pringle relative to the trapping, netting or snaring of certain birds or mammals within three hundred feet of a public roadway, pathway or trail.

Animals,—
trapping.

By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cam-ly Escobar, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Cam-ly
Escobar,—
sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

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

Relative to the wholesale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery (House, No. 212);

Pub
breweries.

Making municipalities eligible to attend auctions for the purchase of motor vehicles (House, No. 1993);

Municipalities,—
auto auctions.

Regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions (House, No. 1994); and

Auctions,—
liquor.

To allow non-profits to purchase alcohol from retail package stores for charitable events (House, No. 2824);

Non-profits,—
alcohol.

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 Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill promoting accessory dwelling units (House, No. 127).

Accessory
dwelling units.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to single-family home construction (House, No. 671) [Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Diehl of Whitman dissenting].

Single-
family
homes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to smart growth school cost reimbursement (House, No. 672).

School
reimbursements.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 668 and 684, a Bill to expedite multifamily housing construction (House, No. 3844) [Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Diehl of Whitman dissenting].

Construction,—
multi-family
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 673 and 2237, a Bill relative to housing production (House, No. 3845) [Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Diehl of Whitman dissenting].

Housing
production.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 676, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (House, No. 3846) [Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Diehl of Whitman dissenting].

Housing
Finance
Agency.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a joint petition, a Bill renaming Muddy Pond in the city known as the town of Barnstable to be called Crocker Pond (House, No. 3679) [Local Approval Received].

Barnstable,—
Muddy
Pond.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No.

Nantucket,—
water
supply.

3761) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to smart growth housing production (House, No. 128) [Representatives DeCoste of Norwell and Diehl of Whitman dissenting].

Smart
growth
housing.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Banks, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see Senate, No. 2111), 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.

David
Banks,—
sick leave.

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.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for James Anthony Verderico, Jr. (see House, No. 3727); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the appointment of Sean Fountain to the position of permanent intermittent police officer of the police department of the city known as the town of Methuen (see House, No. 3799);

(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 amendments of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Justin Michael Rizzo, an employee of the Department of Labor Standards (House, No. 3720), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Justin
Michael
Rizzo,—
sick leave.

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Eastham (House, No. 2423), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill requiring the use of helmets for equine riders and drivers (House, No. 3265), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Sorensen, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 3837), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Mary Sorensen,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause 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 department of mental health, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3837, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.