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Met at six minutes after 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:

Gracious God, as we near the ending of this year, we give thanks for the sometimes overlooked events in our life. We are grateful for the opportunity to remember the many blessings we have enjoyed this past year.

Prayer.

One of our smaller towns is also the youngest town in the Commonwealth, incorporated in 1920. Located in Worcester County, East Brookfield is noted as the birthplace of Cornelius McGillicuddy who went on to become the longest serving manager in Major league baseball history, managing the Philadelphia Athletics for 50 years. He was better known as Connie Mack.

East Brookfield once contained a small village where songwriter and vaudevillian George M. Cohan spent his summers as a youth. He affectionately referred to Podunk so often that it became a part of our American lexicon referring to any small backwater town.

We pray for our legislators, especially for 5th Worcester Representative Donald Berthiaume and his staff.

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.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill to protect children, families, and firefighters from harmful flame retardants (House, No. 4656), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5024). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Flame
retardants.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill (having been 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.

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Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill improving juror service (Senate, No. 771), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jurors.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill (having been 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.

Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill relative to allowing employees of the Western Massachusetts Emergency Communications District to become members of the Hampden County Retirement System (House, No. 4967), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hampden
County,—
communications
district.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, the bill (having been 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act allowing employees of the Western Massachusetts Emergency Communications District to become members of the Hampden County Retirement System". The bill (House, No. 4967) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to pay equity (House, No. 5023). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pay
equity.

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

Establishing a sick leave bank for James Condon, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2672);

James Condon,—
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Robert Socha, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2679); and

Robert Socha,—
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Marc Wedgeworth, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2688);

Marc
Wedgeworth,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bills.

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Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Tucker, an employee of the Department of State Police (see House, No. 4911); and

Bills
enacted.

Further providing for the safety of the commonwealth's natural gas infrastructure (see House, No. 5005);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Erving (House, No. 4144), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Erving,—
elections.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of Brewster (House, No. 4619), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, as changed, was adopted, in concurrence.

Brewster,—
fund.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gina Parolisi, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4986), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, as changed, was adopted, in concurrence.

Gina
Parolisi,—
sick leave.

House bills

Exempting the position of police chief in the town of Lancaster from the civil service law (House, No. 4704) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Harwich to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4956) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

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

The House Bill authorizing the town of Athol to establish a special fund for the town of Athol (House, No. 3863) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Athol,—
fund.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5025), which was read.

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

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At half past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-one minutes after two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the city of Worcester to lease a certain building known as the Nurses' Building (House, No. 4534, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Worcester,—
lease.

House bills

Relative to the board of selectmen of the town of Cheshire (House, No. 5003);
Authorizing the Norfolk County Retirement System to grant creditable service to Gary M. Premo (House, No. 5012); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew Clark, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 5020);

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.

The House Bill relative to interstate branching of a credit union and the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 3690), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Credit unions,—
branching.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5026), which was read.

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

The House Bill exempting positions in the Department of Public Works in the town of Billerica from the civil service law (House, No. 5002), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Billerica,—
civil service.

On the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5027), which was read.

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

At twenty-eight minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes before three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

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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 one minutes after three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr.
Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following
Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.