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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to supply itself and its inhabitants with water [see House, No. 4399] (for message, see House, No. 5205), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 18.

Nantucket,—
water supply.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon “before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment”.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and relief to employers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 5206), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 18.

Unemployment
insurance.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Berlin to continue the employment of Paul Kenneth Clark (House, No. 5207), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 18.

Berlin,—
Paul Clark.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Golden of Lowell, Nangle of Lowell and Mom of Lowell) congratulating Henry Naruszewicz on his one hundred and fifth birthday;

Henry
Naruszewicz.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. Muradian of Grafton and other members of the House) recognizing November 3, 2020 as election workers appreciation day; and

Election workers.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Kevin Ryan on his retirement from the Franklin Police Department;

Kevin Ryan.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relative to sexual violence on higher education campuses (Senate, No. 2979) (on Senate bill No. 2978), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Higher education,—
sexual violence.

Bills

Designating a certain boat launch area in the town of Rutland as the Detective John D. Songy boat launch (Senate, No. 2932) (on a petition); and

Rutland,—
boat launch.

Allowing the city of Gloucester to temporarily extend the issuance of seasonal alcoholic licenses (Senate, No. 2977) (on Senate, No. 2933) [Local Approval Received];

Gloucester,—
liquor licenses.

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.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Karl Schneider, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 5200), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Karl Schneider,—
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Hanson in memory of Mary “Gret” Lozeau (House, No. 5166). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hanson,—
Lozeau bridge.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to create the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway Trust Fund (House, No. 4926), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Birmingham Parkway.

Senate bills

Relative to the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Carver (Senate, No. 2847); and

Third reading bills.

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Authorizing the city known as the town of Randolph to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of wine or malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2929);

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, in concurrence.

The House Bill in relation to the town of Milford authorizing the hiring of a chief of police (House, No. 4320), 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.

Milford,—
police
chief.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Leicester as the John J. Binienda memorial bridge (House, No. 4867), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Leicester,—
Binienda
bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 6 by striking out the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the words “Massachusetts Department of Transportation”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4867, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Leicester as the Private First-Class Eugene Joseph Paranteau memorial bridge (House, No. 4868), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Leicester,—
Paranteau
bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 6 by striking out the word “department” and inserting in place thereof the words “Massachusetts Department of Transportation”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4868, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At the twelve minutes after 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-four minutes before one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for James F. King, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 5146), 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.

James King,—
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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Taunton as the Private First Class Aaron Cordoba-Martinez Bridge (see Senate, No. 2132);

Bills
enacted.

Relative to the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Carver (see Senate, No. 2847);

Authorizing the city known as the town of Randolph to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of wine or malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2929);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Making the charter of the town of Sudbury gender neutral (see House, No. 4388);

Authorizing the town of Groton to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (see House, No. 4809);

To create the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway Trust Fund (see House, No. 4926, amended);

Relative to the authority of the town manager in the town of Upton (see House, No. 4986);

Creating in the town of Upton the office of appointed treasurer/collector (see House, No. 4987);

Authorizing the town of North Attleborough to issue an additional liquor license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4990); and

Authorizing the town of Plainville to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages (see House, No. 5061);

(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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at twelve o'clock noon; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes after one 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 day at twelve o'clock noon.