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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.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Peake of Provincetown and Whelan of Brewster) congratulating Norman Clarke, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Harwich Fire Department, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Norman  
Clarke.

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

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Connolly of Cambridge and Honan of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mike Connolly, Kevin G. Honan and others relative to the housing market during the COVID-19 emergency and recovery.

COVID-19,—  
housing.

By Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and others for legislation to prohibit districts from shutting off water during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19,—  
water  
districts.

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

## *Papers from the Senate.*

### Bills

Relative to the transfer and sale of a certain parcel of land in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 2384) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Tewksbury,—  
land.

To expand take-out/delivery options in response to COVID-19 (Senate, No. 2812) (on Senate bill No. 2740);

COVID-19,—  
take-out and  
delivery.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

### Bills

Classifying the Taunton Fire Department mechanic, Michael Perry, in connection with the determination of retirement benefits (Senate, No. 2624) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Michael Perry,—  
benefits.

Providing for a gender-neutral charter in the town of Walpole (Senate, No. 2807) (on Senate bill No. 2458) [Local Approval Received];

Walpole,—  
charter.

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.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2814) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to respond to the COVID-19 emergency by instituting a moratorium of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System. To the committee on Education.

COVID-19,—  
MCAS.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2815) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to eliminate the statute of limitation in civil child sexual abuse cases. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Civil child  
sexual abuse  
cases.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2816) of Brendan P. Crighton, Daniel Cahill and Peter Capano for legislation to authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant an easement to the city of Lynn; and

Lynn,—  
easement.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2817) of Brendan P. Crighton, Peter Capano, Lori A. Ehrlich and Daniel Cahill for legislation relative to an easement in Lynn;

Id.

Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

#### *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 petition of Jon Santiago for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Greta Long, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Greta Long,—  
sick leave.

Report of the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to the penalties for the crime of female genital mutilation (House, No. 4606,) ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10).

Female genital  
mutilation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. The House then refused to reject the bill, which was then read.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

#### Reports

Of the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4361) of Paul K. Frost relative to tax assessments of certain horticultural land; and

Horticultural  
land,—  
assessments.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4480) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others for legislation to create a transportation excise tax to be levied on certain businesses;

Transportation  
excise tax.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on a motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the reports were considered forthwith. Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the report, the petitions were recommitted, on further motions of the same member.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4797) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to affordable housing in the town of Dartmouth (House, No. 4814).

Dartmouth,—  
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 Dyana Gonzalez, an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see House, No. 4665), 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.

Dyana  
Gonzalez,—  
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.

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.

Bill  
enacted.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Dedham to the select board (see House, No. 4704) (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.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4753) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Nantucket to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 4159), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Nantucket,—  
water supply.

Pending 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. 4399), 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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-nine minutes after three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

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The Senate amendment of House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to authorize certain COVID-19 spending in anticipation of federal reimbursement (House, No. 4808), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Supplemental appropriations.

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, in concurrence, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4853. The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

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At twenty-seven minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.