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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in honor of former employee of the House, Jessica (Pinho) Rego, who lost her battle with cancer on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Jessica was legislative aide to Representative Cabral for nine years before she left the office for another position. She leaves behind her young son Noah Rego and husband David Rego.

Jessica
Rego.

Petitions.

Mr. Murray of Milford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4267) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Milford,—
liquor
license.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler that the bridge on Tremont Street spanning Route 3 in the town of Duxbury be designated the Lewis Sisters bridge.

Duxbury,—
Lewis Sisters
bridge.

By Representative Diggs of Barnstable and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kip A. Diggs, Julian Cyr and others that the Superintendent of State Office Buildings be authorized to install a permanent memorial in the State House in honor of Mercy Otis Warren.

State House,—
Mercy Otis
Warren
memorial.

By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jenna Orlando for legislation to regulate changes to previously issued birth certificates.

Birth
certificates.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain land for general municipal purposes and the installation of subsurface geothermal wells (House, No. 3996), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an

Cambridge,—
land.

amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2586. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill authorizing Brigette Hamel to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 2447) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Haverhill,—
Brigette
Hamel.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, the bill was read a second and a third time forthwith; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

A Bill addressing barriers to care for mental health (Senate, No. 2584) (on Senate bill No. 2572), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mental
health care.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2574) of Anne M. Gobi, Susannah M. Whipps, Joanne M. Comerford and Jonathan D. Zlotnik (by vote of the town) for legislation to create a Parks and Recreation Commission in the town of Templeton; and

Templeton,—
parks and
recreation.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2575) of Anne M. Gobi, Joanne M. Comerford, Susannah M. Whipps and Jonathan D. Zlotnik (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton;

Templeton,—
fund.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Milford be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Milford,—
select board.

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 Paul J. Donato for legislation to authorize the State Treasurer to appropriate funds payments due in accordance with a certain civil judgment of the abuse by state employees documented in Davis v. Rennie, et al. 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 State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Davis v.
Rennie,—
payments.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters (House, No. 2604).

Firefighters,—
health
screenings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to health insurance for surviving spouses (House, No. 2615).

Surviving spouses.

Severally referred, under Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House No. 15 and on a part of House, No. 9, a Bill relative to accidental disability and Group 1 emotional distress (House, No. 15).

Group One,— disability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating group insurance benefits for state employees and retired state employees (House, No. 2708).

Group insurance benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety line of duty benefits (House, No. 2728).

Line of duty benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the collective bargaining rights for employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (House, No. 2739).

CPCS,— collective bargaining.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill concerning genocide education (see Senate, No. 2557, 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.

Genocide education.

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 2 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

Authorizing Brigitte Hamel to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (see Senate, No. 2447) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Relative to certain affordable housing owned and operated by the Ipswich Housing Authority (see House, No. 3809); and

Further regulating the membership of the board of trustees of the Woburn Public Library (see House, No. 3820);

(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 House Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton (House, No. 3909), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading

Third reading bill.

to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the design, development, construction and operation of a senior low-income and affordable housing project located at 144 Greenmont Avenue in the town of Dracut (House, No. 3722), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Dracut,—
housing
project.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

“SECTION 1. The design, development, construction and operation of a senior low-income and affordable housing project located at 144 Greenmont avenue in the town of Dracut or any part thereof, which activities shall include planning, design, construction management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance, repair, management and operation of such project by a developer to be named by the town, who shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of contracts under chapters 7, 7C, 30B and 149 of the General Laws. Notwithstanding the forgoing, any new construction performed on the site relating to the project described above shall be subject to prevailing wage requirements set forth in sections 26 to 27H, inclusive of chapter 149 of the General Laws. The development of the project described above may be conducted through 1 or more phases.

SECTION 2. The town of Dracut may lease, through a lease term of up to 60 years, the project described in section 1 to a developer to be named by the town.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3722, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.