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Thursday, May 28, 2020.

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.

Resignation of Representative Velis of Westfield.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

May 27, 2020

The Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
The Massachusetts State House
Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I am writing at this time to resign as a member of the House of Representatives, representing the people of the 4th Hampden District. It has been my distinct honor to have served as a member of the House of Representatives for the 4th Hampden District since 2014.

Resignation of
Representative
John C. Velis
of Westfield.

During my time in the House, it has been my distinct pleasure to serve the people of Westfield, and to advocate for issues that have had an impact on their lives for the better. I look forward to continue serving the constituents in the cities of Holyoke, Westfield, part of Chicopee, and the towns of Agawam, Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Easthampton and Southampton as State Senator of the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire District. With this letter, I resign as State Representative from the 4th Hampden District as of ten thirty am on May 28, 2020.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JOHN C. VELIS
State Representative
4th Hampden District

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead and other members of the House) commending the National Brain Tumor Society for its recognition of May 2020 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month; and

Brain tumor awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose) congratulating Marianne Jean Stanton on the occasion of her retirement after thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the city of Melrose;

Marianne Stanton.

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. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to emergency action on FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (House, No. 4720), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Flood insurance.

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

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of Department of Corrections [sic] (House, No. 4741), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Thomas Hartley,—sick leave.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the Barnstable County Retirement Board to acquire real property in Barnstable County (Senate No. 1496, amended); and

Barnstable County.

House bills

Validating actions taken at an annual town meeting in the town of Berlin (printed in House, No. 3935);

Berlin,—town meeting.

Validating a certain election in the town of Boylston (printed in House, No. 3936);

Boylston,—election.

Establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 4331); and

Canton and Milton.

Designating a certain bridge as the Corporal Orié D.W Sampson Jr. memorial bridge (House, No. 4408);

Yarmouth,—
bridge.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4288, a Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to grand [sic] additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Somerset,—
liquor
licenses.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain park land in said city for combined sewer overflow control purposes (House, No. 4362), 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 establishing a sick leave bank for Rebecca L. Stratford, an employee of [sic] Department of Correction (House, No. 4724), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Rebecca
Stratford,—
sick leave.

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. 4756), which was read.

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

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-five minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rule 7C) an Order regarding the establishment of a temporary special standing committee on Covid-19 Economic Response and Recovery Efforts (House, No. 4757). The order was adopted.

Covid-19
Economic
Response and
Recovery Efforts
committee.

Paper from the Senate.

The House still still further amendment of the Senate still further amendment of the House further amendment of the Senate amendment of the House Bill addressing

COVID-19,—
data.

COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment (House, No. 4672), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with still still still further amendments in section 1, in line 50 (as inserted by amendment by the House), striking out the words “compile and report daily the data from all boards of health or elder care facilities” and inserting in place thereof the words “publish a daily report on the data compiled, including data from elder care facilities and local boards of health,”; and

In section 2, in line 143, striking out the figure: “1” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “30”; and in line 145, striking out the figure: “1”, the first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the figures: “30”.

The still still still further amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the still still still further amendments were correctly drawn; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill addressing COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment (see House, No. 4672, 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.

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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

COVID-19,—
data.

Bill
enacted.

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 thirteen minutes after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (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.