

Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

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

*Communications.*

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From Representative Brian S. Dempsey, Chairman of the House committee on Ways and Means, Stephen M. Brewer, Chairman of the Senate committee on Ways and Means, Jay Gonzales, Secretary of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, and Steven Carvalho Acting Undersecretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development, transmitting for the information of the members of the House certain legislative and budgetary recommendations (under Section 9 of Chapter 171 of the Acts of 2011) for the continued and sustainable operation of the emergency assistance and short-term housing assistance programs; and Housing assistance programs.

From the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (under Section 6 of Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010) submitting a comprehensive economic development policy for the Commonwealth and a strategic plan for implementing said policy; Economic development policy.

Severally were placed on file.

*Order.*

There being no objection,—

On motion of Mr. Binienda of Worcester,—

*Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for the sitting of Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Printing of a Calendar.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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 Kay Khan and others that the Division of Insurance submit a plan providing for a long term care insurance partnership program. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence. Long term care,— insurance program.

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

## Senate bills

Middleborough,—  
contracts.

Requiring authorization by a town meeting vote of certain contracts made by the town of Middleborough regarding the sale by the town of water or wastewater (Senate, No. 1948) [Local Approval Received]; and

Somerville,—  
finances.

Authorizing the city of Somerville to incur debt to maintain property leased, licensed, or otherwise under the control of the city pursuant to an agreement between the city and the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2025) [Local Approval Received]; and

## House bills

Commuter  
shuttles.

Relative to commuter shuttles and public transportation improvements (House, No. 901);

Tickets.

To amend the municipal ticket law (House, No. 1461); and

Randolph,—  
Bowley  
Bridge.

Designating a certain state owned bridge in the town of Randolph as the Charles L. Bowley Memorial Bridge (House, No. 1815);

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

*Emergency Measure.*

Holyoke  
Community  
College,—  
property  
acquisition.

The engrossed Bill authorizing Holyoke Community College to borrow funds for the acquisition and renovation of certain real property in the city of Holyoke (see Senate, No. 1901, 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 9 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2011 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of His Excellency the Governor.]

Attest:

STEVEN T. JAMES,

*Clerk.*