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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).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, in Whom we place our trust and hope, we begin this new week with a prayer in which we turn our attention and thoughts to You and to spiritual realities. We also ask for Your assistance as we address the legislative and administrative items which come to our attention as elected leaders of the people. In these uneasy political, social and economic times, help us to build confidence in each other and in our fundamental constitutional principles as we struggle to build a peaceful and a just society. Teach us to reason and to dialogue together in our common effort to meet the challenges of the times and the needs of people and of the Commonwealth. May Your ways and spiritual values, which You have made known to us, guide us, individually and as a society, in meeting the current and future needs of our communities in these changing times. Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and to their families. Amen.

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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Miceli of Wilmington, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in honor of Thomas J. Berube, who served as town auditor for the town of Tewksbury for forty-seven years. Mr. Berube, former assistant managing editor and news reporter at the Boston Herald, began his newspaper career as a copy boy at the Boston Record American over fifty years ago. A former U.S. Air Force Captain, having flown more than fifty missions in a P-38 long range fighter-bomber aircraft as part of the 82nd Fighter Group in the World War II European/Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross along with several other decorations and citations for valor. Mr. Berube was also the First Commander of the Tewksbury VFW Post 8164 and founding member of the Tewksbury Veterans' Association. Thomas J. Berube.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Margaret Ann Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 2106) (on a petition); and Margaret Ann Sheehan,—
sick leave
bank.

Ellen
Starck,—
sick leave
bank.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ellen Starck, an employee of the Parole Board (Senate, No. 2125) (on a petition);

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:

Somerville
Housing
Authority,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2136) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., Denise Provost, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., and other members of the General Court (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the city of Somerville to the Somerville Housing Authority. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Regional
transit
authorities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2137) of Michael O. Moore, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Stephen M. Brewer, Benjamin B. Downing and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to regional transit authorities. To the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

Harvard,—
wastewater
management.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to a wastewater management district in the town of Harvard (House, No. 1130) [Local Approval Received].

Salt water
fishing
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 797, a Bill instituting salt water fishing licenses (House, No. 4224).

Hinton
Laboratory.

By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill designating the building of the State Laboratory Institute as the William A. Hinton Laboratory (House, No. 3007).

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

Deborah
Armstrong.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4209).

Newbury,—
tax
abatement.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Board of Assessors of the town of Newbury to grant a real estate tax abatement (House, No. 4200) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

Judith
Fitzsimmons,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Judith Fitzsimmons, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 1886), 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 8 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

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Establishing a sick leave bank for Dolores Tower, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 1160); and

Bills enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Crystal Pollack, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 1161);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House Bills

Relative to a new public safety facility lease in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4056, changed); and

Third reading bills.

Establishing the election calendar in the city of Salem (House, No. 4112), its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading;

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Leo R. Corazzini, a member of the House from Shrewsbury from 1975 to 1984, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.