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Info-Tech Bond, Climate Bills Advance

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Negotiators on Friday were unable to reach agreement on a police licensing and accountability bill. Legislative leaders and Gov. Charlie Baker had set July 31 as the target date to finalize a deal, and talks were active on Friday. The House adjourned at 12:34 a.m. Saturday after enacting a \$1.8 billion information technology bill that is replete with local project earmarks. The bill also includes \$40 million to replace State Police cruisers and \$20 million for policy body cameras. A climate change and emissions reduction bill cleared the House on a 142-17 vote earlier in the session, which began just after 11 a.m. Friday. The climate bill is now likely headed to a conference committee. Conference panels are already established on economic development, health care and transportation spending bills. House Speaker Robert DeLeo didn't specify a timeline on the policing bill in a statement released after Friday's session. "Regarding police reform, the conferees are working productively to come to agreement. We are committed to reaching resolution, and the conferees will take the time to get it right," DeLeo said. The House meets next on Monday at 11 a.m. in an informal session. - Michael P. Norton

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RETURN: Rep. Donato called the House to order at 11:06 a.m. Reps. Jones, Golden and Vieira were also visible on the livestream.

PLEDGE: Members and staff rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

DARTMOUTH HOUSING: The House ordered to a third reading H 4814 relative to affordable housing in the town of Dartmouth.

NAUSET RENEWABLES: The House ordered to a third reading H 4830 authorizing the Nauset regional school district to enter into renewable energy agreements.

ACTON WATER SUPPLY: The House adopted a Rep. Speliotis amendment substituting a new bill (H 4923) with the same title and then engrossed H 4683 authorizing the Water Supply District of Acton to enter into a lease, license or other disposition of land held for water supply purposes for the construction, operation and maintenance of a solar energy generating and energy storage facility as amended.

RECESS: At 11:09 a.m., the House recessed until the hour of 12 p.m.

RETURN: Rep. Donato called the House back to order at 12:16 p.m.

GLOUCESTER LAND: The House did not concur with the Senate further amendment to the House amendment to S 2628 authorizing the city of Gloucester to use certain lands for municipal school purposes.

PLYMOUTH LAND: The House, by a 10-0 standing vote, attached an emergency preamble to S 2781 authorizing the release of an agricultural preservation restriction of certain land in Plymouth.

STONEHAM EASEMENTS: The House, by a 12-0 standing vote, attached an emergency preamble to H 4844 authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to release easements upon certain real property in the town of Stoneham.

FALL RIVER EASEMENT: The House enacted S 2780 authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to release its interest by deed or to grant an easement in a certain parcel of land in the City of Fall River.

RECESS: The House recessed at 12:21 p.m.

RETURN: The House returned to order at 12:36 p.m.

HEALTH CARE CONFEREES: The House insisted on its amendment (H 4916) to S 2796 putting patients first. Reps. Mariano, Cullinane and R. Hunt were appointed to negotiate on the part of the House in a conference committee.

QUORUM ROLL CALL: At 12:37 p.m., Rep. Donato announced that a quorum roll call was now open.

QUORUM: At 12:57 p.m. with 159 members indicating their presence, Rep. Donato declared a quorum was present.

VOTING ORDER: The House adopted an order allowing the monitors to cast votes for Reps. Michlewitz, Ferrante and Wong while they are involved in economic development bill conference committee negotiations.

WELLBEING OF CHILDREN: The House adopted a Ways and Means Committee amendment (H 4924) and then ordered the bill H 1396 to promote the well-being of minor children living with guardians to a third reading as amended.

RETIREE PAYMENTS: The House adopted a Ways and Means Committee amendment (H 4925) and then ordered the bill H 4276 to preserve the practice of including annual payments in lieu of vacation as regular compensation for current retirees and active retirement system members where such benefit existed as of May 2018 to a third reading as amended.

BIRMINGHAM PARKWAY TRUST FUND: The House adopted a Ways and Means Committee amendment (H 4926) and then ordered the bill H 4412 to create the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway Trust Fund to a third reading as amended.

UMASS LAND: The House adopted a Ways and Means Committee amendment (H 4927) and then ordered the bill H 4827 authorizing the University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham to a third reading as amended.

RECESS: The House recessed at 1:04 p.m.

RETURN: The House returned to order at 1:05 p.m. with Rep. Cusack on the rostrum. Rep. Cusack announced that the House would return to consideration of its climate change bill.

DONATO AMENDMENT 1 -- PACE amendment Malden

The amendment was ADOPTED.

RECESS: Rep. Donato resumed his post on the rostrum at 1:06 p.m. and the House entered a period of recess.

RETURNS: The House returned at 1:37 p.m.

VITOLLO AMENDMENT 23 -- Clean Heating and Cooling Workforce Training

The amendment was ADOPTED.

VITOLLO AMENDMENT 32 -- Further Facilitating a Just Transition

The amendment was ADOPTED.

PIGNATELLI AMENDMENT 64 -- Rural Representation on the Low-Income Whole Home Retrofit Task Force

The amendment was ADOPTED.

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 1:39 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 2:18 p.m.

RYAN AMENDMENT 28 - Gas Gate Amendment - ADOPTED

CAHILL AMENDMENT 74 - Energy Storage Study - ADOPTED

FERNANDES AMENDMENT 80 - Bringing ferries in line with state climate goals - ADOPTED

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 2:20 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 2:34 p.m.

ROBINSON AMENDMENT 54 - Grid Mod Commission - ADOPTED

ROBINSON AMENDMENT 55 - Existing and Planned Interconnection Projects - ADOPTED

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 2:37 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 2:39 p.m.

HAVARD LAND: The House engrossed S 2866 authorizing the town of Harvard to convey an easement over a certain parcel of conservation land.

CHILDRENS' WELL-BEING: The House engrossed H 4924 to promote the well-being of minor children living with guardians.

ANNUAL PAYMENTS: The House engrossed H 4925 to preserve the practice of including annual payments in lieu of vacation as regular compensation for current retirees and active retirement system members where such benefit existed as of May 2018.

BIRMINGHAM TRUST FUND: The House engrossed H 4926 to create the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway Trust Fund.

WALTHAM LAND: The House engrossed H 4927 authorizing the University of Massachusetts to convey a certain parcel of land and buildings to the city of Waltham.

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 2:43 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 3:05 p.m.

PEAKE AMENDMENT 4 - Municipal Solar - ADOPTED

Time was 3:18 p.m.

COPPINGER AMENDMENT 96 - An Amendment Relative to Fuel Cell Technology - ADOPTED

PLYMOUTH LAND: The House by a roll call vote of 158-0 enacted S 2781 authorizing the release of an agricultural preservation restriction of certain land in Plymouth.

STONEHAM, MWRA LAND: The House by a roll call vote of 159-0 H 4844 authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to release easements upon certain real property in the town of Stoneham.

Time was 3:58 p.m.

CUTLER AMENDMENT 3 - Energy Savings Efficiency

Rep. Cutler said I rise in support of amendment 3. Thank you for bringing this legislation to the floor. I'm proud to serve on the telecommunications committee. This amendment is based on the Mass. save energy act. We improved and refiled the bill this term. Updating our appliance standards to boost energy efficiency is not the most exciting topic but it packs a punch. They save the nation more in energy each year more than anything else. It is the best climate change policy you have never heard of. The cheapest and greenest kind of energy is the one you didn't use in the first place. Appliance efficiency standards ensure that the products we use, use less energy or water. The energy save act extends this model. One non-profit organization estimates in five years Massachusetts residents could save money if these standards were in place. That translates to water savings and reduced use of fossil fuels. We use the word win-win but this amendment is truly a win-win. Thank you.

Amendment ADOPTED

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT A: Rep. Donato announced that Consolidated Amendment A was available online and at the Bills in the Third Reading desk in the House Chamber. The consolidated amendment dispenses with -- but does not necessarily incorporate the language of -- amendments 20, 37, 84, 102, 105

RETURN: The House returned to order at 4:28 p.m.

HECHT AMENDMENT 78 -- High Priority Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The amendment was ADOPTED.

RECESS: The House recessed at 4:29 p.m.

RETURN: The House returned to order at 4:35 p.m.

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT A: Question came on Consolidated Amendment A, which dispenses with -- but does not necessarily include the language of -- amendments 20, 37, 84, 102, 105.

Rep. Haddad said, Thank you. I must always thank my colleague from Lowell who has stood with me from the very beginning when people told us we were crazy. And people told us 'what's this with this wind stuff?' And we fought off every person who did not like the very first -- we try not to use the name -- but we know that there was a first proposal of offshore wind that no one liked. So several years ago when I came to him as a brand new chair and presented him with three three-ring binders filled with information and after he finished rolling his eyes, he just looked at me, as did everybody that I brought my three-ring binders to, and said, 'Okay, we'll talk about it.' But very, very quickly he began to realize that if we are to answer what we have set for our goals and our obligations, that the only way for us to get to more clean energy is large tranches of offshore wind. And so we were the first state in the United States to look at a utility-size procurement of wind, but not only in the United States we were the first in the hemisphere. And I think that's important because so many people have now jumped on board and copied us. Going back to the very first procurement, Rhode Island and Connecticut used our documents, used the work that my dear friend from Lowell did and copied us. So today the consolidated amendment that comes before you is another step in the right direction. We've heard from the developers from day one that they needed to hear that we were going to continue to authorize more and more offshore wind. And so that's what we do today, we authorize and we send the signal that Massachusetts is not standing down, and that we will continue and we will be the first in the water with the utility-size procurement. But another good thing happens in this consolidated amendment and that is that we add the secretary of economic development, housing and economic development, because from the very beginning we've talked about this as being an opportunity for our state to grow and to become part of that bigger process. So by adding the secretary in, it gives him the ability to have input into what's important. So I rise today to thank the speaker. He has become a leader in the United States, a speaker who knows and believes that this is the way we get to our really big goals. So I want to thank him. I want to thank my dear friend from Lowell and I asked that -- I know we have to take a vote -- but I would ask, not being too bold, but this should be a unanimous yes for everybody because it does make changes -- good changes -- moves us in a good direction. And if we really want to get to 100 percent renewable energy, offshore wind is the way to go. So I want to thank you for this opportunity, and hope that you would all join with me in voting yes on this amendment.

BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 159-0, the consolidated amendment was ADOPTED. Time was 4:51 p.m.

GLOUCESTER LAND: BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 159-0, the House enacted S 2628

authorizing the city of Gloucester to use certain lands for municipal school purposes. Time was 5 p.m.

HARVARD EASEMENT: BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 158-0, the House enacted S 2866 authorizing the town of Harvard to convey an easement over a certain parcel of conservation land. Time was 5:11 p.m.

FOXBOROUGH LICENSES: The House enacted H 4282 enhancing flexibility for event licensing in the town of Foxborough.

SHUTESBURY LAND: The House enacted H 4775 authorizing the town of Shutesbury to convey certain land.

GRAND JURIES: The House enacted H 4603 relative to statewide grand juries.

PROVOST AMENDMENT 44 -- To assure an electricity supply powered by clean fuel

Rep. Provost said, Thank you. I rise today in support of amendment 44 to this bill. I want to start by saying I'm grateful to the speaker and the work of the gentleman from Lowell for bringing forward in this session first the GreenWorks bill and to the others who have worked on the premise of the bill before us today, which will clean up our energy supply in significant ways. It has some remarkable provisions. This amendment involves the provisions that state what sorts of energy the municipal light plants may procure. Given the content of GreenWorks and the speeches about this bill yesterday, I had expected this amendment and amendment 61 to be added to this bill. They aim to keep Massachusetts from reintroducing a stone-age technology. That technology is burning wood. Campfires and fireplaces probably satisfy ancient human urges to see flame and hear its crackle, but burning wood on the scale needed to generate electric power is probably on the same par as burning coal. There is no such thing as clean wood burning and some scientists think it might be worse than burning coal. In Massachusetts, we do not have a single commercial-scale wood-burning power plant right now, and that's how it should be. DOER in December 2017 released regulations against all the scientific evidence to permit such plants. This amendment would prevent MLPs from procurement contracts for wood-burning facilities. Now, some of them have such contracts now but those facilities are all out of state. They are old, by and large, and dirty. Like coal plants, they need to be retired. I understand those contracts would be grandfathered, but these Maine and New Hampshire plants should be phased out and shutdown. This amendment would only eliminate obsolete technologies. In the GreenWorks bill, when I filed an amendment to ensure that none of our investment would be spent to burn biomass, it was further amended to ban burning technologies. It is advanced public health technology as well because as we have learned the invisible particles that come from burning amake people sick. In these times, make people more susceptible to COVID infections and make them more likely to get sick

and die when they are infected. I'm puzzled that this bill defers to DOER's definition and buys into them. I thought my amendment 44, this one, would be included. But since the writing is again on the wall, I ask to withdraw the amendment.

The amendment was WITHDRAWN. Time was 5:23 p.m.

SALEM LAND: BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 158-0, the House enacted S 2584 authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Salem. Time was 5:38 p.m.

RECESS: The House recessed at 5:38 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 5:51 p.m.

RECESS: The House recessed at 5:51 p.m. intending to return at 6:45 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 7:11 p.m.

MORAN AMENDMENT 40 - Field safety in gas infrastructure - ADOPTED

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 7:12 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 7:13 p.m.

BARNSTABLE EASEMENT: The House concurred with a Senate amendment to H 4906 authorizing the city known as the town of Barnstable to grant an easement.

GARDNER STATE PARK: The House concurred in a Senate amendment to H 4911 authorizing the division of capital asset management and maintenance to convey a certain portion of the Gardner Heritage State Park to the city of Gardner.

RECESS: The House recessed at 7:16 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 7:25 p.m.

SHARON LAND: The House enacted H 4389 relative to the transfer of land in the town of Sharon.

HOLYOKE LAND: The House by a roll call vote of 159-0 enacted H 4873 regarding a parcel of land in Holyoke.

The chair said I will indicate to the members through the monitors we have an additional two roll calls.

NORFOLK LAND: The House by a roll call vote of 158-0 enacted H 4920 designating and transferring certain land in the town of Norfolk for conservation, open space, water supply protection, and recreation purposes.

ACTON SOLAR ENERGY: The House by a roll call vote of 159-0 enacted H 4923 authorizing the Water Supply District of Acton to enter into a lease, license or other disposition of land held for water supply purposes for the construction, operation and maintenance of a solar energy generating and energy storage facility.

ESSEX CLEAN ENERGY: The House concurred in a Senate amendment to H 4922 relative to clean energy generation at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School.

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HADDAD AMENDMENT 16 - An Act relative to net metering for on-site renewable energy facilities - ADOPTED

DECKER AMENDMENT 31 - Clean Electricity Implementation - ADOPTED

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 8:11 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 8:15 p.m.

ESSEX CLEAN ENERGY: The House by a roll call vote of 159-0 enacted H 4922 relative to clean energy generation at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School.

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 8:23 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 8:24 p.m.

Speaker DeLeo assumed the rostrum

MADARO AMENDMENT 52 - Environmental Justice

Rep. Madaro requested a roll call vote and received sufficient support.

Rep. Madaro said I rise today in support of the amendment before us. On my parents' mantle sits a photo of me before the State House with my mother and East Boston residents with a sign protesting a runway expansion at Logan Airport. The East Boston community was opposed to the runway for the impacts it would have on our neighbors: pollution, noise, traffic. The airport expanded for the good of the state but at the expense of

the community. We lost that fight. The opposition movement was my introduction to community activism and what brought me here today. This afternoon, 21 years after that, I stand before you to continue my advocacy on behalf of my community that bears a disproportionate pollution impact. It is important to recognize that these issues affect some communities more than others. When we are siting a power plant or highway where do these projects always go? They don't end up in our affluent suburbs. Rather, they end up in the backyards of low income communities, like East Boston. East Boston is a historically immigrant community and mostly working class is home to Logan Airport. We play host to the state's jet fuel brought up the creek and cutting through the center of East Boston is Route 1A. These burdens harm our environment, releasing carbon and matter into the atmosphere. It is my neighbors and I who suffer the consequences. Our planet is facing a reckoning but the burden of these fumes has been borne by EJ communities from the beginning. The consequences are real. East Boston has high rates of childhood asthma. More recently, we experienced the highest COVID infection rate in the city of Boston. It is the result of poor air quality. We have a duty to address inequities that lead to communities bearing the brunt of environmental burdens. Many of the activists back then are gone including my late aunt, a legend of East Boston who taught me much about environmental justice. But a new generation has risen to fill their shoes, grass roots activists, fighting to give their neighborhoods a voice. This amendment would not be before you today without their dedication. This environmental justice amendment will codify environmental justice into the law and define it to allow real change. It creates a higher threshold for review of new projects and mandates an improved community process to make sure concerns are heard. The state constitution states that residents will have the right to clean air and water and clean environment, yet for too long we have let communities of color bear a disproportionate amount of pollutants. The provision of this amendment is the necessary first step for environmental equity. As we continue to work towards racial equality, we must realize that environmental justice is racial justice. Adoption of this amendment brings us one step closer to fulfilling the promise of the state's constitution. I ask my colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you.

There was a round of applause in the chamber, audible on the live stream.

Rep. McGonagle said it's great to see you this evening. The last time I spoke at this podium it was a packed crowd, standing room only, I got to tell you while I was giving my speech there was a lot of hooting and hollering on. I think the majority leader had a part in that. I am hoping that will not happen and you will let me speak again at this podium.

Speaker DeLeo said I have no idea what that is all about but it's alright.

Rep. McGonagle said on a more serious note, I thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. I rise before you to speak in favor of amendment 52. During COVID-19 pandemic, we saw how unfairly certain communities of lower incomes were affected. We

acknowledged the problem and addressed it immediately. So it only makes sense that we do the same when it comes to recognizing environmental justice communities and the struggles we face. Too often they are overtaken by development that puts health and the environment at risk. If we want to build a cleaner state, we must protect those who have been burdened by environmental injustice. And kids who grow up in urban areas deserve green space and clean air just as much as kids from rural towns. And the children of this generation have already lost so much due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we cannot let them lose more by not acting on environmental justice and this is how we can continue to build a better future. The choice to support a cleaner state is an easy one. And I thank you in advance for your support.

There was a round of applause in the chamber.

Rep. Ryan said I rise today in strong support of amendment 52 and the overall bill. As we read in the news the COVID-19 crisis has not only made conditions worse in urban areas but highlighted inequities. None of these issues are news to the people of Chelsea and Charlestown. We know all about cancer rates and asthma. We have been dealing with environmental injustice for over a century. That light in 2050 will be here before you know it. I grew up with the elevated Orange Line tracks by my bedroom window. To my colleagues along that corridor, I see you and I hear you. We have come a long way. In the 1950s the Tobin Bridge cut through Chelsea this mettle mass. Neighborhoods like ours have become pass through communities. This track and highways were built to bring commerce other than those who lived in their shadows. This amendment is about today and tomorrow and a pathway to a greener 2050. Despite our federal government, here in the state, mother nature is making a comeback. We are national leaders in energy efficiency. We are stemming back the tide of urban decay. This is a promising sign but children living a half-mile inland are still suffering. That half-mile may also be underwater one day. Society is playing catch up. The moment to correct this is now, tonight, right here in this chamber. I have faith the state will continue to lead. This amendment will ensure that when we plan for tomorrow children will all share in the improved air quality and oceans. If COVID-19 has taught us anything it is that we all breathe the same air. We are in this together. I urge you to vote on this amendment.

A round of applause was heard in the chamber.

Rep. DuBois said I rise in favor of environmental justice and I concur with my colleague from East Boston. There are many others to thank here for environmental justice. EJ is a bottom up policy agenda from the poor those with little wealth or economic power. People whose color of their skin forces them into the shadow of power. Thank you to all the citizens who have worked long hours. I thank the amazing people who made up protecting our water and resources. Thank you to moms, dads, and grandparents who have lived in the polluted communities and reached their breaking point. Thank you for standing up and saying not one more and working hard to build a way to a clean environment. This

amendment is for you. Those who have struggled to stop your community from becoming a dumping ground. You got engaged to protect your health. You came to know what environmental justice is. People in Brockton have long suffered indignities forced on us. An unending assault on our health and quality of life. These are the people who are fed up for bringing their children to the hospital because they cannot breathe. A family should not be wealthy to breathe. I cannot breathe is echoing across this country as a protest that rose out of unjust violence, the fact is that Black and Brown and low-wealth white communities have appealed saying these same words, I can't breathe, because our communities have become dumping grounds. My trajectory into politics began with environmental advocacy. And to be honest my trajectory into caring about what goes into our lungs began much earlier as a child, because like so many cities, asthma is the scourge of the city of champions. Brockton children have asthma 300 times the state average. COVID has only exacerbated this reality. Smaller matter goes into our blood and it causes diabetes and it attacks our heart. These organs are what COVID seeks out. No wonder Brockton was a hotspot for injections. My uncle died in a nursing home on April 10. Some think capitalism is to find the easiest path to finding money. We know low income communities that the path of least resistance runs right through our backyards. But I am a hopeful gal. With this EJ amendment, we will be taking a stand in telling low income communities that we hear you and that we care about your child with asthma. We know you bear the burden of these more than anybody else in the state. With this positive vote we can rebuild the trust of these communities. Humanity is the most important endangered species from climate change yet we flood our ecology with poison and pollution. We must not fear what Congressman Lewis called good trouble. As we were being sued for 68 million dollars for standing up to a powerful investment group on the border of Brockton, both areas that I represent, this person smiled and said sometimes it is not easy to do what is right but we must do it anyway. I ask for your support on this amendment.

Rep. Honan said I rise in support of amendment 52. The state has been paving the way for vehicles of positive change. All of our lives have improved from these policy changes both here in the state and other states. We have the chance to model ground breaking in climate mitigation policy. In the area of the Trump administration, these changes cannot wait. To do this, our climate policies must address the need of vulnerable neighborhoods. Particularly those in low income communities. Racial justice is not just criminal justice but it is environmental, housing justice. As a representative of an environmental justice community, I am deeply concerned. The CDC continues to assert that low-income neighborhoods are most vulnerable to natural disasters. And this is simply unacceptable. Burning fossil fuels results in greenhouse gas emissions. The lady from Brockton talked with such eloquence on asthma. The science is overwhelming. Pollution and climate impacts fall hardest on minority communities. By fighting for green jobs and transit justice we work towards a future that combines community justice with environmental protections. Thank you.

By a ROLL CALL vote of 159-0, amendment ADOPTED

TECHNICAL AMENDMENT 107 - House Ways and Means Technical - ADOPTED

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 9:08 a.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 9:13 p.m.

By a ROLL CALL VOTE of 142-17, bill ENGROSSED at 9:25 p.m.

HALIFAX LAND: The House adopted a House Ways and Means amendment to and then ordered to a third reading S 2627 authorizing the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey and acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Halifax.

NATURAL HAIRSTYLES: The House adopted a House Ways and Means amendment (H 4930) to and then ordered to a third reading H 4828 prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles.

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 9:28 p.m.

RECESS: The House stood in recess subject to the call of the chair at 9:29 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 11:44 p.m.

I.T. BOND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The House accepted H 4932 conference committee report recommending legislation financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth.

NEWTON LAND: The House on a 18-0 standing vote adopted an emergency preamble to H 4892 authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Newton.

NATURAL HAIRSTYLES: The House engrossed H 4930 prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles.

NAUSET SCHOOL ENERGY: The House adopted a Rep. Speliotis amendment to and then engrossed H 4830 authorizing the Nauset regional school district to enter into renewable energy agreements

RECESS: The House entered a recess at 11:51 p.m.

RETURNS: The House returned at 12:08 a.m.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOND: The House on a standing vote of 15-0 adopted an emergency preamble to H 4932 financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth.

The chair said we do not anticipate any further roll calls this morning. Time was 12:32 a.m.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOND: By a ROLL CALL VOTE of 155-4 at 12:33 a.m., the House ENACTED H 4932 financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth.

ADJOURNS: The House adjourned at 12:34 a.m. to meet next on Monday at 11 a.m. in an informal session.

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