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Thursday, January 4, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the December 18, 2023 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Housing,—
emergency
assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the January 1, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and

Id.

From the State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (see Section 18N(b) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2023;

Domestic
violence.

Severally were placed on file.

Special and Annual Reports.

A report of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 71 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the final report of the Clean Energy Transmission Working Group;

Clean energy
transmission.

Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (under Section 17 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 [copies of the report forwarded to the Speaker, the Senate President, the Senate committee on Ways and Means and the House committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and

Clean
Water
Trust.

Of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 18Y of Chapter 6A of the General laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) annual summary report;

Sexual
assault
kits.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Puppolo of Springfield presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4238) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Springfield be authorized to increase the age

Springfield,—
special
police.

limit for the appointment of special police officers in said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Cabral of New Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for the annual issuance by the Governor of a proclamation setting apart the Friday of the third full week of September as Noah Fernandes Mitochondrial Disease awareness day; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Noah Fernandes
Mitochondrial
Disease
awareness
day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, 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.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to poll locations in the city of Gloucester, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Gloucester,—
poll locations.

Reports of a Committee.

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

Authorizing the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of the town of Westford (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received];

Westford,—
land.

Providing for alternate members of the Mattapoisett conservation commission (House, No. 4156) [Local Approval Received];

Mattapoisett,—
commission.

Amending the charter of the town of Westborough (House, No. 4202) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westborough,—
charter.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Thouin, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 4233);

Cheryl Thouin,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the city of Haverhill to appoint retired police officers as detail police officers (House, No. 2677), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Haverhill,—
police.

The House Bill relative to acceptance of certain types of identification to purchase alcohol in Massachusetts (House, No. 4131), 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 relative to the select board of the town of Uxbridge (House, No. 3986), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Uxbridge,—
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 2, in line 8, by inserting after the word “by-laws” the words “, zoning by-laws and the charter”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3986, 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 eight minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.