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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



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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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Shepard Cohen on his retirement from the Wellesley Board of Health;

Shepard  
Cohen.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Fluker Oakley of Boston) congratulating Anna D. Coleman on the occasion of her one-hundred-and-second birthday;

Anna  
Coleman.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Joseph Patrick Agar on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Joseph  
Agar.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating William Boozang on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

William  
Boozang.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Christopher Botchis on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Christopher  
Botchis.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Thomas Schratz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Thomas  
Schratz.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Griffin Tolonen on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Griffin  
Tolonen.

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

## *Petitions.*

Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator O'Connor presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kathleen Donnellan, an employee of the Norfolk Superior Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Kathleen  
Donnellan,—  
sick leave.

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 the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) were presented and they were severally referred, as follows:

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7A) of David F. DeCoste that the Plymouth County Retirement System grant creditable service to Judy Hartigan for certain service to the town of Rockland.

Judy Hartigan,—  
creditable  
service.

By Representative Haddad of Somerset (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7A) of Lucia M. Casey that the Bristol County Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to Lucia M. Casey.

Lucia Casey,—  
creditable  
service.

By Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Arciero of Westford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Simon Cataldo and James Arciero relative to exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the provisions of the civil service law.

Chelmsford,—  
civil service.

Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Mark J. Cusack, Walter F. Timilty and John F. Keenan relative to post-retirement earnings for certain police officers in the city known as the town of Braintree.

Braintree,—  
retirement  
earnings.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Mark J. Cusack that the retirement board of the city of Boston grant certain creditable service to Thomas Brooks.

Thomas Brooks,—  
creditable  
service.

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of James K. Hawkins relative to exempting the city of Attleboro from the provisions of the civil service law in the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers.

Attleboro,—  
police  
officers.

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide for residency preference for appointment at the police and fire departments of the city of Boston.

Boston,—  
police  
and fire.

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to the territorial limits of the town of Cohasset.

Cohasset,—  
territory.

Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin that the town of Clinton be authorized to grant 6 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town.

Clinton,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Meghan Kilcoyne and Robyn K. Kennedy relative to insurance proceeds for injured police and fire personnel in the town of Boylston.

Boylston,—  
police and  
fire.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Rita A. Mendes and Michelle M. DuBois that the city of Brockton be authorized to prohibit landlords and brokers from requiring broker's commissions to be paid by tenants or prospective tenants.

Brockton,—  
brokers'  
commissions.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Susan Zacharias relative to increasing the membership of the select board in the town of Weston.

Weston,—  
select board.

By Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida that the town of East Bridgewater be authorized to exempt uniformed positions within the police department of said town from the civil service law.

East  
Bridgewater,—  
civil service.

By Representatives Uyterhoeven of Somerville and Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of Erika Uyterhoeven and Mike Connolly for

Somerville,—  
voting rights.

legislation to provide for legal voting rights in municipal elections for non-citizen residents of the city of Somerville.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wilfrid Decossa (House, No. 2520) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston,—  
Wilfrid  
Decossa.

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

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

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:

Relative to the position of police chief in the town of Leicester (House, No. 2579) [Local Approval Received]; and

Leicester,—  
police chief.

Further regulating the appointment of special police officers in the city of Watertown (House, No. 2622) [Local Approval Received];

Watertown,—  
special police.

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

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.