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Thursday, April 6, 2023.

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.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (for message, see House, No. 3737) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, April 5.

Bonds,—  
terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

## *Appointment of the Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that he had re-appointed Maureen Cavanagh as his designee (under Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council.

Opioid  
recovery.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Domb of Amherst and other members of the House) commemorating Congressman John W. Olver for his forty-four years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth and the United States of America; and

Congressman  
John Olver.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Howard of Lowell and other members of the House) commemorating the observance of Ramadan 2023;

Ramadan.

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

## *Annual and Special Reports.*

Annual reports

<p>Of the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (under Section 168 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) summarizing the status of the complaints reviewed by the Criminal Record Review Board;</p>	<p>Criminal Record Review Board.</p>
<p>Of the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (under Section 168 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the Commissioner Approved Access to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI);</p>	<p>CORI report.</p>
<p>Of the State Lottery Charitable Gaming Division (under Section 38 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2022; and</p>	<p>Charitable Gaming.</p>
<p>Of the Cannabis Control Commission (under Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) relative to the number, summary and costs of performed audits [a copy of said report was forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, as required by said law]; and</p>	<p>Cannabis Control Commission,—audit.</p>
<p>Reports</p>	
<p>Of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Sections 2(B) and 5 of Chapter 18 and Section 3C(d) of Chapter 118 and Section 3C(d) of Chapter 118 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Consolidated Report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and</p>	<p>Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children.</p>
<p>Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its amended and final Disabled Persons Protection Commission data for fiscal year 2022; and</p>	<p>Disabled,—protection commission.</p>
<p>A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for February 2023;</p>	<p>Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.</p>
<p>Severally were placed on file.</p>	

*Petitions.*

<p>Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:</p>	
<p>By Representative Howard of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3721) of Vanna Howard and Rodney M. Elliott (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to fill vacancies in certain elective bodies in said city. To the committee on Election Laws.</p>	<p>Lowell,—vacancies.</p>
<p>By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3722) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to a condominium conversion ordinance in the city of Salem; and</p>	<p>Salem,—condominium conversions.</p>
<p>By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3723) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to establish a year-round market rate rental housing trust in said town;</p>	<p>Truro,—rental housing trust.</p>
<p>Severally to the committee on Housing.</p>	
<p>By Representative Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3724) of F. Jay Barrows and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Foxborough be authorized to change the name of the board of selectmen to the select board;</p>	<p>Foxborough,—select board.</p>
<p>By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3725) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to amending the charter of the city known as the town of Greenfield;</p>	<p>Greenfield,—charter.</p>

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3726) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Oak Bluffs be authorized to further regulate the rental of mopeds and motor scooters in said town;

Oak Bluffs,—  
rental of  
mopeds.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Gobi, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3727) of Meghan Kilcoyne (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling;

Sterling,—  
select board.

By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3728) of Margaret R. Scarsdale (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Townsend; and

Townsend,—  
charter.

By Representatives Wong of Saugus and Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3729) of Donald H. Wong and Kate Lipper-Garabedian (by vote of the town) that the town of Wakefield be authorized to convey an easement in said town to the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department;

Wakefield,—  
land.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3730) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown;

Freetown,—  
special police.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3731) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that all future members of the police department of the town of Great Barrington be exempt from the civil service law; and

Great  
Barrington,—  
civil service.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3732) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the police department of the city of Boston be authorized to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis;

Boston,—  
Wendy Pierre-  
Louis.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3733) of Manny Cruz (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to providing for payments in lieu of taxes by the South Essex sewerage district in the city of Salem;

Salem,—  
payments.

By Representative Domb of Amherst and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3734) of Mindy Domb and Joanne Comerford (by vote of the town) that the city known as the town of Amherst be authorized to establish a real estate transfer fee in said town;

Amherst,—  
real estate  
transfer fee.

By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3735) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to establish a program to reduce property tax liability in exchange for volunteer services for persons with disabilities; and

Property tax,—  
liability  
reduction.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3736) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee in said town;

Truro,—  
real estate  
transfer fee.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Christopher Hendricks

Kellie Martin,—  
credible service.

and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Kellie Martin.

By Representative Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Vincent Dixon for legislation to provide for a COVID-19 vaccination tax credit.

COVID-19,—  
tax credit.

By Representatives Hawkins of Attleboro and Nguyen of Andover, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and Tram T. Nguyen for legislation to include climate education in the elementary and secondary school curriculum.

Schools,—  
climate  
curriculum.

By Representative Hunt of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide creditable service for certain teachers for retirement purposes.

Teachers,—  
creditable  
service.

By Representatives Kassner of Hamilton and Gordon of Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner, Kenneth I. Gordon and Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables.

Sheriffs,—  
mileage  
rates.

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kristin E. Kassner for an investigation by a special commission relative to the preparation of the built environment for the next economy, including an inventory of infrastructure, buildings, and land use regulations.

Next  
economy,—  
commission.

By Representatives McKenna of Webster and Lipper-Garabedian of Melrose, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna, Kate Lipper-Garabedian and others relative to carbon monoxide alarms in schools.

Schools,—  
CO 2 alarms.

By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus and others for legislation to provide funding of certain collective bargaining agreements.

Collective  
bargaining.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing a statewide Massachusetts Caribbean American cultural center in the city of Boston.

Boston,—  
Caribbean  
American  
cultural center.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell that the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs be authorized to conduct an environmental audit of environmental justice neighborhoods.

Environmental  
audit.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A petition of Joanne M. Comerford and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to exempt Barbara Killeen from certain requirements of the retired municipal teacher program, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Barbara  
Killeen,—  
retirement.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2379) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the joint petition of Paul A. Schmid, III relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westport. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended;

Westport,—  
board of  
selectmen.

and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, 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 Christopher M. Markey and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jane Racine, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Jane Racine,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 314) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others relative to licensing of dog day care businesses,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Dog day  
cares,—  
licensing.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 248) of Ruth B. Balsler relative to establishing senior psychologist licensure; and

Psychologist,—  
licensure.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 303) of Colleen M. Garry relative to sonographers and vascular technologists;

Sonographers  
and vascular  
technicians.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Representative Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 753) of Natalie M. Blais and others for legislation relative to agricultural disaster relief;

Agricultural  
disaster relief.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 754) of Natalie M. Blais and Vanna Howard relative to agricultural preservation restrictions;

Agricultural,—  
restrictions.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 758) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to the regulation and availability of cottage foods;

Cottage foods,—  
regulations.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 759) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to establish a division of marine fisheries resources within the Department of Fish and Game of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs;

Marine  
fisheries,—  
resources.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 773) of Josh S. Cutler, Patrick Joseph Kearney and others relative to establishing a fisheries conservation gear grant program to be developed and administered by the Division of Marine Fisheries;

Fisheries  
conservation  
gear.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 828) of Vanna Howard and others relative to establishing a food justice frontline providing compensated work involving food production, distribution, preparation, or delivery for food insecure residents;

Food justice,—  
insecure  
residents.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 836) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize the Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership to have a seat on the Seaport Economic Council;

Seaport  
Economic  
Council.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 837) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to authorize commercial lobster fisherman to fish according to their permit for 12 months a year in state waters;

Commercial  
lobster  
fishermen.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 839) of Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to recreational shell fishing areas;

Shell fishing  
areas.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 855) of Adrian C. Madaro and Vanna Howard for legislation to create local and community garden agriculture programs within the Department of Agricultural Resources;

Garden agriculture programs.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 878) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to regulating the sale and purchase of horses;

Horses,— sales.

Of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 909) of William M. Straus, Susan L. Moran and others relative to a cranberry water use transfer program; and

Cranberry,— water use.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 915) of Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to regulate cottage foods;

Cottage foods.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 755) of Natalie M. Blais and others for legislation to establish a department of energy transformation planning within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs;

Department of energy,— planning.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 777) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to clean lighting; and

Clean lighting.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 873) of Steven Owens, Joanne M. Comerford and Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to carbon dioxide equivalents and factors that impact statewide greenhouse gas emissions;

Greenhouse gas emissions.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 870) of Steven Owens, Adrienne Pusateri Ramos and others relative to commuting trends and drive alone rates,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Commuting trends and drive alone rates.

By Representative Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 2262) of John H. Rogers relative to the board of registration in podiatry within the board of registration in medicine,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Podiatry,— board of registration.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Hollie Barter, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3713). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hollie Barter,— sick leave.

*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.

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At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

