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Tuesday, June 20, 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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Carole Kennedy of Westford on her retirement after many years of dedicated service to health care, her community, and the students of the Westford Public Schools;

Carole  
Kennedy.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Emily Teller of Westford on her being named a 2023 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women; and

Emily  
Teller.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Muratore of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston) congratulating the Plymouth Public Library on the thirty-fourth anniversary of its literacy program;

Plymouth  
Public  
Library.

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

## *Monthly Report.*

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 May 2023, was placed on file.

Unemployment  
Insurance  
Trust Fund.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3934) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) that the affordable housing trust of the town of Orleans be authorized to provide for the creation and preservation of attainable housing. To the committee on Housing.

Orleans,—  
affordable  
housing trust.

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3935) of Antonio F.D. Cabral and Mark C. Montigny (with the approval of mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford

New Bedford,—  
easement.

be authorized to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill to improve the Commonwealth's competitiveness, affordability, and equity (House, No. 3770), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2406.

Tax relief  
and policy.

Under suspension of the Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Cusack of Braintree and Soter of Bellingham were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of  
Conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Moran and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

Report of the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 626) of Lydia Edwards, Steven Owens, Joanne M. Comerford, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation for a right of first refusal for foreclosed property (Foreclosure TOPA),— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Housing,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Foreclosed  
property.

*Reports of Committees.*

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 James J. O'Day relative to the mental well-being of new mothers facing criminal charges. 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 the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Perinatal,—  
crimes.

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

The Senate Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Hanover to select board (Senate, No. 1302) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hanover,—  
select board.

House bills

Exempting the position of police chief in the town of Lancaster from the provisions of the civil service law (House, No. 2571) [Local Approval Received];

Lancaster,—  
police chief.

Relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler (House, No. 2649) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—  
Robert Lawler.

Authorizing the city of Haverhill to appoint retired police officers as detail police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (House, No. 2677) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—  
retired police.

Directing the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame (House, No. 3646);

Worcester,—  
Nelson  
Burlingame.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Abby Levin, a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (House, No. 3888). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Abby Levin,—  
creditable  
service.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Leominster to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (House, No. 2555) [Local Approval Received].

Leominster,—  
police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt the position of Deputy Fire Chief from civil service (House, No. 3720) [Local Approval Received].

Wrentham,—  
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis (House, No. 3732) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—  
Wendy  
Pierre-Louis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2557, a Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Maynard (House, No. 3930) [Local Approval Received].

Maynard,—  
special police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3730, a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown (House, No. 3931) [Local Approval Received].

Freetown,—  
special police.

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

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amelia Alex, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2383), 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, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

#### *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.

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.