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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023.**

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Thursday, June 22, 2023.

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.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2024 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (House, No. 3936), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, June 20.

State funds,—  
emergency  
expenditures.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Girl Scout Troop 70359 from Swampscott and Nahant. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Ms. Armini of Marblehead.

Swampscott  
and Nahant,—  
Girl Scout  
Troop 70359.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Philips of Sharon and Scanlon of North Attleborough) congratulating Boy Scout Troop 17 of the town of Mansfield on its one hundredth anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mansfield,—  
Boy Scout  
Troop 17.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

## *Petitions.*

The following additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Connolly of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3941) of Mike Connolly and Bud L. Williams for legislation to authorize

Housing,—

supplemental financing of housing first programs, state public housing renovations, and other housing programs and to make related changes in certain laws. To the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

supplemental financing.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Galvin of Canton and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of William C. Galvin and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to grant easements of certain land of said town situated in the town of Stoughton for highway purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Canton,—  
easements.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III, as fire chief of said town notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Northfield,—  
Floyd  
Dunnell.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ferguson of Holden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anastasios Milonopoulos, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Anastasios  
Milonopoulos,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Garlick of Needham and Senator Rausch, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Denise C. Garlick and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Thomas  
Hartley,—  
sick leave.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul McMurtry that the State Retirement Board provide a lifetime monthly allowance to Katherine M. McGuinness, the surviving spouse of former state police officer James T. McGuinness.

Katherine  
McGuinness,—  
surviving  
spouse.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2407) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the provisions of Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2020 to continue the town of Hingham senior means-tested property tax exemption, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Hingham,—  
property tax  
exemption.

#### *Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3933). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Maritza  
Miranda,—  
sick leave.

#### *Emergency Measures.*

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

Amelia  
Alex,—  
sick leave.

certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for David Benway, an employee of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (see House, No. 3739, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

David  
Benway,—  
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3807), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Wakefield,—  
property tax  
exemption.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Lanesborough to continue the employment of Daniel Bologna, Charles Garrity, Peter Pannesco, Peter Oakley, David Rolle, Donald Whalen and Michael Wooliver as firefighters (House, No. 2435) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee 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.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Randall Williams (House, No. 2448), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Conway,—  
Randall  
Williams.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 7, by inserting after the word “purposes” the following: “and, upon retirement, Randall Williams shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired at age 65”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2448, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Wakefield to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3807, amended); and

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3828);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*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 twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.