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Thursday, January 18, 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.

*Silent Tribute.*

During the session, Mr. Gordon of Bedford took the Chair, and at the request of himself and Representative Kassner of Hamilton, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Al Fay, who died on January 5, 2024 at 88 years old.

Al Fay.

Al received the state flag on his 84th birthday from the House of Representatives in honor of his years of service in Burlington. Mr. Fay served two terms on the Burlington select board and two on the Burlington planning board.

For almost 20 years, Al Fay organized Truck Day on Burlington Town Common, to the delight of children and families all across the area. He served for 35 years on the Burlington Fire Department, where he was Union President for a time, and maintained a vast collection of toy trucks and fire memorabilia and created the Al Fay Fire Museum to display them. His prize possession was a 1940 Ford open cab fire pumper that he used in town parades and other occasions.

Mr. Fay, who was considered Burlington's unofficial mayor, is survived by his wife Joyce, his children Al, Susan, Robert and Lynne, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Chief James J. Trombetta on his retirement from the Rehoboth Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

James  
Trombetta.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Communications.*

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From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the December Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Annual Outlook Report containing updated projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year Outlook Period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028; and

Unemployment  
Insurance  
Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-1100 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on One Year Recidivism Rates of men released from 2013-2020; Severally were placed on file.

Recidivism rates.

#### *Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2024 compared with such index for the year 2023 (House, No. 4261), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cost-of-living adjustment,—retirees.

#### *Reports.*

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2023; and

Plymouth County Correctional Center.

#### *Reports*

Of the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023; and

Essex County,—wiretaps.

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2023;

District attorneys,—data.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Petitions.*

Representative Decker of Cambridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4264) of Marjorie C. Decker and Sal N. DiDomenico (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in said city above certain set limits; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cambridge,—fines.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Danielle M. Alachoyan, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Danielle Alachoyan,—sick leave.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to visitation rights for grandparents.

Grandparents,—rights.

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

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1819) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to advance fairness, integrity, and excellence in higher education admissions. To the committee on Higher Education.

Higher education,— admissions.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2560) of Pavel M. Payano and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to uniform partition of heirs property. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Property,— heirs.

### *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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to administrative costs of the Department of Family and Medical Leave. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Department of Family and Medical Leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James Arciero and Peter Barbella relative to local taxes based on personal or business income instead of local real property taxes. To the committee on Revenue.

Local taxes.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally 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:

Recognizing Sikh appreciation month (House, No. 3026);

Sikh month.

Authorizing the city of Newton to lease the Warren Junior High School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 4126) [Local Approval Received];

Newton,— school lease.

Authorizing the town of Mashpee to lease certain town land to the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod, Inc. (House, No. 4185) [Local Approval Received]; and

Mashpee,— land.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 4249);

Sheri Panas,— sick leave.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to provide for housing within the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest (House, No. 796).

Correllus State Forest,— housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to helium balloons (House, No. 875).

Helium balloons.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to create a Merrimack River collaborative (House, No. 905).

Merrimack River.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill modernizing the governance of Port Authority parks in East Boston (House, No. 3809).

Port Authority,— parks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 471, 542, 551, 554 and 572 and House, Nos. 779, 823 and 871, a Bill to save recycling costs in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4263).

Recycling costs.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill establishing memorial markers in the towns of Milton

Canton and Milton,— markers.

and Canton in memory of certain law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 786).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1939 concerning the establishment of the Lynnfield Center Water District (House, No. 3808).

Lynnfield  
Center Water  
District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to erecting a bench in honor of Rita Walsh in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston (House, No. 3965).

Boston,—  
Walsh bench.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill dedicating the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. Boat Ramp (House, No. 4163).

Fall River,—  
boat ramp.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to prohibit hunting on property owned by the Department of Correction and located at 28A Union Turnpike in the town of Concord (House, No. 4200).

Concord,—  
hunting.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Halal, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (printed as Senate, No. 2556).

Nicole  
Halal,—  
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 4250).

Jonathan  
Corey,—  
sick leave.

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

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Hull to lease certain property to promote economic development and for the more effective use of town property (see House, No. 4099) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, 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 Bill changing the position of town clerk in the town of Wenham from an elected position to an appointed position (Senate, No. 2524), 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.

#### House bills

Authorizing the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3988);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the town of Rowe to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3989);

Relative to changing the term of the elected office of moderator for the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4075); and

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

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Lincoln to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption program (House, No. 2810), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Lincoln,—  
property  
taxes.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4262), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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.

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Representatives Finn of West Springfield and Jones of North Reading then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Walter A. DeFilippi, a member of the House from West Springfield from 1979 to 2000, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at thirteen 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.