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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 Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Michael Cole Iannone on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Michael
Iannone.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Garlick of Needham) congratulating James A. Kemp on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

James
Kemp.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Fred Everett Lybrand on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Fred
Lybrand.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vaughn of Wrentham and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Alexander James Munz on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander
Munz.

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. Garlick of Needham, 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 Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 1P of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting the eighth annual report of the Safe and Supportive Schools Commission [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the committee on Education; and the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, as required by said law]; and

Safe and
Supportive
Schools
Commission.

From the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (see item 8000-0000 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its first annual report for fiscal year 2022;

POST
Commission.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (under Section 4H of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2022, was placed on file.

Administrative
Law Appeals.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (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) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3817) of Tommy Vitolo relative to the portability of alcohol service licenses. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Alcohol
service
licenses.

By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3818) of Manny Cruz relative to preventing rampant online technological exploitation and criminal trafficking and establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to examine sentencing for criminal online technological exploitation. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Online
exploitation,—
study.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3819) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to reviving, continuing and further regulating the citizens commission established (under Chapter 322 of the Acts of 2018) concerning a Constitutional amendment to secure government of the people. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Citizens
commission,—
Constitutional
amendment.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3816) of Steven George Xiarhos and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Sandwich; and the same was referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sandwich,—
wastewater.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jessica Ann Giannino for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanya Pizzi, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

Tanya
Pizzi,—
sick leave.

By Representative Gregoire of Marlborough (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andrew Limeri relative to software legal agreements.

Software
agreements.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day relative to the mental well-being of new mothers facing criminal charges.

Perinatal,—
crimes.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Reports

Of the committee on Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 478) of James B. Eldridge, Adam Scanlon, Michael J. Barrett, Paul W. Mark and other members of the General Court for legislation to expand the sale of products by farmer breweries,—

Farmer
breweries,—
products.

and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1112) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Adam Gomez and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish a bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Person with Disabilities;

Homelessness.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 910) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to the financial statement review and financial statement audit thresholds for Massachusetts public charities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Financial Services;

Public charities,— audits.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1106) of Pavel M. Payano for legislation to specify an electronic system to ensure that sales of certain products containing pseudoephedrine (PSE) do not exceed limits established under federal law,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing; and

Pseudoephedrine,— sales.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 970) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to suicide prevention signage at certain facilities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery;

Signage,— suicide prevention.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2384) of Cynthia Stone Creem, John J. Lawn, Jr., Ruth B. Balsler and Kay Khan (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Newton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Newton,— special police.

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 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. To the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

Next economy,— commission.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kristin E. Kassner, Kenneth I. Gordon and Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to travel mileage rate fees for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and constables. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sheriffs,— mileage rates.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2534) of Jessica Ann Giannino for legislation to regulate administrative leaves involving events during which

Critical incident leave.

officers discharge firearms,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1657) of Ryan C. Fattman and David Paul Linsky for legislation to designate January as Peace Officer history month,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Peace Officer
history
month.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1727) of Michael F. Rush, Paul McMurtry, Lydia Edwards and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Department of
Transportation,—
board of
directors.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a process for determining the order of candidates' names on the town of Marblehead's town election ballots (Senate, No. 411), 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.

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2023 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) relative to creating the executive office of housing and livable communities and to rename the Executive Office of Economic Development (House, No. 43) [the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight had reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan Number 1 "ought to be approved" — For majority report, see Senate, No. 2378], was laid aside as moot [the time to act on such Reorganization Plan #1 of 2023 having expired on Sunday, April 30, 2023].

Reorganization
Plan No. 1
of 2023,—
housing
and livable
communities.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Donahue, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3778) (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.

William
Donahue,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3778, amended) 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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