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Thursday, May 4, 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.

Recognition of Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day.

During the Session, Ms. Howard of Lowell took the Chair for the purpose of recognizing the contributions of the Cambodian community of the Commonwealth to Massachusetts and to the United States, on the occasion of Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day. Ms. Howard then read the House Resolutions (adopted this day) commemorating Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day.

Cambodian
Genocide
Remembrance
Day.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, the Division 5 state champion girls indoor track and field team and Division 2 state champion boys swim and dive team from Weston High School. At the invitation of the Chair, the students participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Weston High
School,—
girls indoor
track and boys
swim teams.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Neil Agarwal on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Neil
Agarwal.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Yash Agarwal on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Yash
Agarwal.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Liam V. Gavin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Liam
Gavin.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Theodore L. Glaeser on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Theodore
Glaeser.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Noah C. Janchar on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Noah
Janchar.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating George S. Sullivan on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

George
Sullivan.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating Griffin M. Tanny on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Griffin
Tanny.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) congratulating Michael Cornell on achieving the rank of Brigadier General;

Michael
Cornell.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford and Ciccolo of Lexington) commending the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations for recognizing the week of May 21, 2023 as National Professional Employer Organization Week; and

Professional
employer
organization
week.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Howard of Lowell and other members of the House) commemorating Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day;

Cambodian
Genocide.

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

Order.

The following order (filed by Ms. Domb of Amherst) was adopted:

Ordered, That the House hereby calls for a joint session of the two houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the purpose of considering a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office (House, No. 33),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought to pass.

Public
offices,—
oaths and
affirmations.

The following order (filed by Mr. Jones of North Reading) was adopted:

Ordered, That the House hereby calls for a joint session of the two houses, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the purpose of considering a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings (House, No. 35),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Eminent
domain,—
prohibition.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 4(b) of Chapter 258F of the General Laws) submitting the Certification for Victims of Violent Crime and Human Trafficking report for fiscal year 2022;

Violent Crime
and Human
Trafficking.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1595-1070 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on payments, investment and assessments of the Safety Net Provider Trust Fund; and

Safety Net
Provider
Trust Fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0500 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report with a comparative analysis of the psychiatric inpatient and substance abuse treatment hospital per diem rates as of December, 2022;

Psychiatric
care and drug
abuse,—
per diem
rates.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Office of the Inspector General (under Section 12 of Chapter 12A of the General Laws) for calendar year 2022, was placed on file.

Inspector
General.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cassidy of Brockton and Senator Brady, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3824) of Gerard J. Cassidy, Michael D. Brady and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Brockton be authorized to appoint a commissioner of public health for said city;

Brockton,—
public
health
commissioner.

By Representatives Peisch of Wellesley and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3827) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the Housing Commission in the town of Lincoln; and

Lincoln,—
housing
commission.

By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3825) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) that the town of Fairhaven be authorized to establish a fee for checkout bags in said town;

Fairhaven,—
checkout
bags fee.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3826) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Holliston be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Holliston,—
property taxes.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the Trial Court.

Ana
Contreras,—
sick leave.

By Representative Capano of Lynn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter Capano that the Secretary of Veterans' Services be authorized to create a veterans' benefits and services notice and that certain employers be required to post said notice.

Veterans'
benefits,—
notices.

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. 2385) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Dental
hygienists,—
licensure.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2386) of Ryan C. Fattman and Joseph D. McKenna for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Matt Blazes, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. To the committee on Public Service.

Matt
Blazes,—
sick leave.

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 Jessica Ann Giannino for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tanya Pizzi, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Tanya Pizzi,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Priscila S. Sousa and Jack Patrick Lewis that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land in the city of Framingham to said city. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Framingham,—
land.

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough board of selectmen (House, No. 2029) [Local Approval Received].

Lanesborough,—
selectmen.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the Williamstown town charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 2030) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill creating the offices of select board and town manager in the town of Sandisfield (House, No. 2100, changed in section 2, in line 37, by striking out the figures: “40” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “41”) [Local Approval Received].

Sandisfield,—
select board
and town
manager.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 3814, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sarah Kolb (House, No. 3820).

Sarah Kolb,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3815, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Grant (House, No. 3821).

Michael Grant,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a process for determining the order of candidates’ names on the town of Marblehead’s town election ballots (see Senate, No. 411) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

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.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.