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Thursday, May 18, 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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, the Youth Council of the Commission on the Status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of the Asian American Caucus.

Asian Americans
Pacific Islanders
Commission
Youth Council.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Driscoll of Milton and Owens of Watertown) commending all emergency medical services workers in the Commonwealth on their recognition of May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week;

Emergency
Medical
Services Week.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Hannah Johnson on achieving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts;

Hannah
Johnson.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Vaughn of Wrentham) congratulating Parker Kilmer on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Parker
Kilmer.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Peter Spivack on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Peter
Spivack.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham) congratulating Jackson Robert Henry on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jackson
Henry.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham) congratulating Thomas Christopher James Laight on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Thomas
Laight.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham) congratulating Benjamin Simmons on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin
Simmons.

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. Shand of Newburyport, 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 Office of the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Dukes County
Registry
of Deeds.

From the Division of Medical Assistance (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2023 legislative report for the Children’s Medical Security Plan (CMSP) for the period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023; and

Children’s
Medical
Security Plan.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Health Information Technology Council for calendar year 2022;

Health
Information
Technology
Council.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

The second quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the quarter ending March 31, 2023; and

Sexual Assault
Evidence
Collection Kit.

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 April 2023;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

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 Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3866) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to the representation of the Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Cosmetology
and barbering,—
board members.

By Representative Mendes of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3867) of Rita A. Mendes, Michelle M. DuBois and Samantha Montañó relative to community college tuition for graduates of Brockton public schools. To the committee on Higher Education.

Brockton,—
Community
college.

By Representative Kerans of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3868) of Sally P. Kerans, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to establishing the office of the tenant advocate in the Office of the Attorney General. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Tenant
advocate.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3864) of Michael P. Kushmerek (with the approval of the mayor and city

Fitchburg,—
compensation.

council) relative to the regular compensation of certain active and retired employees of the city of Fitchburg; and

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3865) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of West Stockbridge be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Steven Traver,—
employment.

Representative Sabadosa of Northampton presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to regulate the use of helmets for horseback riders; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Horseback riding,—
helmets.

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Susan L. Moran and Tackey Chan for legislation to facilitate restitution against unfinished development to be known as the FRAUD Act, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Unfinished development,—
restitution.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and, on motion of Ms. Giannino of Revere, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2389) was referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate its action.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Joanne M. Comerford and Natalie M. Blais for legislation to provide a sustainable future for rural schools, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.

Rural schools,—
sustainability.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2388) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

May 1, 2023

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA. 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate made the following appointments:

Senator Anne M. Gobi (pursuant to Section 60 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) to the East-West Passenger Rail Commission.

East-west rail.

Marilyn Park and Bethany Li (pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the commission on the status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Asian Americans and Islanders.

Senator Liz Miranda (pursuant to Section 223 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) to the Panel on Justice-Involved Women.

Meghan Todd and Regina Marshall (pursuant to Section 74 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the commission on the status of Persons with Disabilities.

Senator Paul R. Feeney (pursuant to Section 241 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) to the Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Senator Joan B. Lovely and Senator Liz Miranda (pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Acts of 2010, as most recently amended by Chapter 350 of the Acts of 2016) to the special legislative Ellen Story Commission on Postpartum Depression.

Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 68 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.

Senator Barry R. Finegold (pursuant to Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws) to the Economic Development Planning Council.

Senator Patricia D. Jehlen (pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 23H of the General Laws) to the Massachusetts State Workforce Board.

Senator Paul R. Feeney (pursuant to Section 76 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) as co-chair of the Brain Injury Commission.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (pursuant to Section 132 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to the special commission to investigate and study the promotion and celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the American Revolution.

Senator Paul R. Feeney (pursuant to Section 10B of Chapter 23A of the Massachusetts General Laws) to the Massachusetts Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative.

David Rosenbloom (pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund advisory board.

Justice involved women.

Persons with disabilities.

Rare disease advisors.

Postpartum depression.

Gaming policies.

Economic development.

Workforce Board.

Brain injuries.

American Revolution,— anniversary.

Advanced manufacturing.

Opioid recovery, etc.

Respectfully,



Clerk of the Senate

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida that the town of East Bridgewater be authorized to exempt uniformed positions within the police department of said town from the civil service law. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Shand of Newburyport, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

East Bridgewater,— civil service.

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 Christine P. Barber and Samantha Montañó for legislation to establish a protection and advocacy system for investigating abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of persons with disabilities occurring and advocating for the civil and human rights of such persons. Under of suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Giannino of Revere, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was

Abuse protection,— persons with disabilities.

suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 534) of Jay D. Livingstone, Christine P. Barber and others for legislation to increase access to disposable menstrual products; and

Access,—
menstrual
products.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 604) of Andres X. Vargas and Jack Patrick Lewis relative to routine childhood immunization reports made by schools;

Schools,—
immunization
reporting.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

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

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the House Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3737), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to provide for a program of housing, community development, economic opportunities, support for local governments, increased innovation and job creation to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3862). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonds,—
terms.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Giannino of Revere, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the bill (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. 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:

To extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Woburn (House, No. 316) [Local Approval Received];

Woburn,—
liquor licenses.

To use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough board of selectmen (House, No. 2029) [Local Approval Received]; and

Lanesborough,—
charter.

To amend the Williamstown town charter by making all gender references therein gender neutral (House, No. 2030) [Local Approval Received];

Williamstown,—
charter.

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

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 twenty-seven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (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.