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Thursday, June 1, 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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Giannino of Revere and other members of the House) commending the National Brain Tumor Society Inc. for its recognition of May 2023 as Brain Tumor Awareness Month; and

Brain Tumor
Awareness
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) commemorating the ninetieth birthday of June M. Jackson of Abington;

June
Jackson.

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

Communication.

A communication from the Health Connector Board of Directors (see section 3(s) of Chapter 176Q of the General Laws) submitting its approved proposal to continue with the process of amending Minimum Creditable Coverage (MCC) regulations (956 CMR 5.00-5.05) protecting access to preventative services for Commonwealth residents, was placed on file.

Minimum
creditable
coverage
regulations.

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 Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3885) of Manny Cruz relative to minimum gratuity while dining. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Wait staff,—
gratuity.

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3886) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the cost of electric vehicle charging services. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Electric
vehicles,—
charging.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3884) of Margaret R. Scarsdale (by vote of the town) relative to merging certain voting precincts in the town of Groton; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Groton,—
voting
precincts.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gordon of Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth I. Gordon relative to creditable service for certain members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System.

Teachers,—
creditable
service.

By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas and Ryan M. Hamilton relative to expanding licensure opportunities for school counselors.

School
counselors,—
licensure.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements (House, No. 3901), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2400.

General
Appropriation
Bill.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michlewitz, Ferrante of Gloucester and Smola of Warren were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

A Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (Senate, No. 2370) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Somerville,—
Charles
Femino.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bill was read a second forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2393) of John C. Velis for legislation to authorize the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Westfield. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Westfield,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2394) of Arthur Desloges for legislation to update the citizens advisory panel and strengthening citizen participation on the panel for the decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Pilgrim Nuclear
Power Plant,—
advisory panel.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Mark J. Cusack, Walter F. Timilty and others relative to the retirement benefits of Brian Murphy, a uniformed member of the Department of State Police; and

Brian
Murphy,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William M. Straus that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be directed to grant creditable service to Eileen Mullen for certain service rendered at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School;

Eileen
Mullen,—
retirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, 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 House Bill authorizing the town of Berlin to grant up to two additional all alcoholic beverages licenses not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 345) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Berlin,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (see Senate, No. 2370) (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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 393); and

Third
reading
bills.

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

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.

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 eleven minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (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.