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Thursday, August 24, 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.

## *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Representative Shand of Newburyport, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Sarah Bodge, a remarkable civic leader, who passed away June 21, 2023, at the age of 87.

Sarah Bodge.

Born in 1936, Sarah Bodge was a former member of the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority and trailblazing black female entrepreneur who helped revitalize Newburyport's downtown shopping district.

Bodge was also the minority adviser at Governor's Academy. She served on the boards of Anna Jaques Hospital, the Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank, the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, the Newburyport YWCA, and Harbor Schools, Inc. In 1982, she co-founded the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and in 2021, she spearheaded the creation of a new food pantry at the Salisbury Senior Center. The First Essex district honors her legacy of leadership and civic engagement.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Thomas Grilk on the joyous and happy occasion of his retirement from the Boston Athletic Association, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Thomas  
Grilk.

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

## *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 Julie Mejia relative to health insurance coverage for diabetic products. To the committee on Financial Services.

Diabetic  
products.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to multi-family zoning in MBTA communities. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Multi-family  
zoning.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to retiree work hours and pay limits. To the Public Service.

Retirees  
work limits.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kristin E. Kassner, Bruce E. Tarr and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome awareness day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Okur-Chung  
Neurodevelop-  
mental  
syndrome.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cataldo of Concord, 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 Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (House, No. 4048), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Northfield,—  
Floyd  
Dunnell, III.

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

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see Senate, No. 2433), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Jody  
Ricketson,—  
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill providing for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler (see House, No. 2649) (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.

#### *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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At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Manfield (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.