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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.

Communications.

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From the Plymouth 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 the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Plymouth
County Registry
of Deeds.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2KKKKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Nonpublic Ambulance Service Reimbursement Trust Fund report;

MassHealth,—
ambulance
services.

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 and Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 reports relative to motor vehicle forfeiture funds and drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug and neighborhood crime watch programs; and

Northwestern
District
Attorney's
Office.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) on the activity, revenue and expenditures to and from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund for fiscal year 2023;

Opioid Recovery
and Remediation
Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Khan of Newton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4126) of Kay Khan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Newton be authorized to lease the Warren Junior High School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Newton,—
Warren Junior
High School.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and Matthew NeJame for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 2 as learning disability screening day.

Learning
disability
screening day.

By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day for legislation to further regulate firearms.

Firearms.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues that the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River be designated as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. boat ramp.

Fall River,—
Raposa
boat ramp.

By Representative Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ryan M. Hamilton, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Sally P. Kerans relative to personal financial literacy in schools.

Financial
literacy,—
schools.

By Representatives Xiarhos of Barnstable and Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos, Peter J. Durant and others relative to reimbursing cities, towns, and regional school districts for the costs of providing supportive services to migrants.

Supportive
services,—
reimbursements.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2459) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to changing the terms board of selectmen and selectmen to the term select board in the town of Rockport, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Rockport,—
charter.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2470) of Edward J. Kennedy, Vanna Howard, Rodney M. Elliott and Rady Mom for legislation to increase housing production in the city of Lowell. To the committee on Housing.

Lowell,—
housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2469) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to define agritourism. To the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Agritourism.

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 Kay Khan relative to mental health awareness at public higher education institutions. To the committee on Higher Education.

Mental health,—
higher education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Brandy Fluker Oakley and Andrea Joy Campbell (Attorney General) for legislation to establish a trust fund to promote environmental justice in the Office of the Attorney General. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Environmental
justice,—
fund.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 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 following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2018) [Local Approval Received];

Hopkinton,—
investments.

<p>Bill authorizing the town of Mashpee to convey certain town owned conservation land to Jacques and Rosalie Fresco (House, No. 2118) [Local Approval Received]; and</p>	<p>Mashpee,— land.</p>
<p>Bill providing for an increase in the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling (House, No. 3727) [Local Approval Received];</p>	<p>Sterling,— select board.</p>
<p>Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.</p>	
<p>By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hull to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 2084) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Hull,— bonds.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to wastewater in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 2095) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Provincetown,— wastewater.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to wastewater treatment and disposal in the town of Provincetown (House, No. 2096) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Id.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the Eastham community fund in the town of Eastham (House, No. 2097) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Eastham,— fund.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to care, custody, and control and uses of Wing Island (House, No. 3875) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Brewster,— Wing Island.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Canton to grant temporary and permanent easements of certain land of the town situated in the town of Stoughton for highway purposes (House, No. 3937) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Canton and Stoughton,— land.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to appoint an alternate member to the licensing commission (House, No. 3969) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Somerville,— licensing commission.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 3970, changed in section 53, in line 156, by striking out the figures: “45” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “4”, in line 158 and also line 161, by striking out the word “Select”, in line 160, by striking out the figures: “56” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “5”; and in line 166, by striking out the following: “theirhis” and inserting in place thereof the word “their”) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Middleton,— charter.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the select board of the town of Uxbridge (House, No. 3986) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Uxbridge,— select board.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Board of Selectmen of the town of Rockland to serve as cemetery commissioners for the town of Rockland (House, No. 4010) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Rockland,— cemetery commissioners.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Kingston (House, No. 4011) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Kingston,— treasurer- collector.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment of the town manager (House, No. 4026) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Arlington,— town manager.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Rockland (House, No. 4036) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Rockland,— charter.</p>

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the planning board in the town of Shutesbury (House, No. 4038) [Local Approval Received].

Shutesbury,—
planning
board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Norton (House, No. 4039) [Local Approval Received].

Norton,—
investments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the actions taken at the Princeton annual town meeting (printed in House, No. 4067).

Princeton,—
town
meeting.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Lakeville (see House, No. 2093, amended) (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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill designating a portion of state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich as the Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway (House, No. 3838), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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