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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Post 1027 on its one hundredth anniversary;

VFW Post
1027.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating Everett "Bill" Olsen, Jr., on being named the 2023 Westford Kiwanis Person of the Year; and

Bill
Olsen.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Walsh of Peabody) congratulating Matthew Richards on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matthew
Richards.

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

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) 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 changing the mandatory age of retirement for judges (see House, No. 36),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Judges,—
mandatory
retirement.

The following order (filed by Mr. Schmid of Westport) 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 agricultural and horticultural lands (see House, No. 41),— with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass.

Agricultural
and horticultural
lands.

The following order (filed by Ms. Uyterhoeven of Somerville) 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 voting rights (see House, No. 26),— with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported that the amendment ought to pass.

Felons,—
voting.

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 LeBoeuf of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3831) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf for legislation to establish a Commonwealth internet service provider to be known as Commonwealth ISP. To the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Internet
service
provider.

By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3832) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to changing Mass Health estate recoup for people with disabilities beyond age 55. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Mass Health,—
estate recoup.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to technical assistance for municipalities through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Cities and
towns,—
technical
assistance.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3834) of Rob Consalvo relative to the operation of off-highway vehicles. To the committee on Transportation.

Off-highway
vehicles.

By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3835) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to include certain members of the National Guard in the definition of veterans. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans,—
definition.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That, conformably to the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXXXI) of the Amendments to the Constitution, a joint session of the two Houses be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at eleven o'clock A.M., for the purpose of considering proposals for amendments to the Constitution.

Constitutional
convention.

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 Sarah K. Peake relative to accidental disability retirement for William Little, a police officer of the town of Chatham, from the Barnstable County Retirement Association. To the committee on Public Service.

Chatham,—
William
Little.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to designate a portion of state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich as the Alphonso Palmer Rogers highway. To the committee on Transportation.

Harwich,—
Palmer
highway.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren, 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 following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sarah Kolb (House, No. 3820); and
Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Grant (House, No. 3821).

Sarah Kolb.
Michael Grant.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Raynham to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 283) [Local Approval Received].

Raynham,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill 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.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to amend special legislation to pursue five (5) additional alcohol pouring licenses in Hudson's C-1 Zoning District (House, No. 320) [Local Approval Received].

Hudson,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a 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].

Berlin,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill 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) [Local Approval Received].

Rochester,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 250, a Bill authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3828) [Local Approval Received].

Mansfield,—
liquor
license.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.