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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4090), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, September 13.

Supplemental appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Representative Murphy of Weymouth) celebrating the three hundredth anniversary of Old South Union Church in Weymouth;

Old South Union Church.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating the Concord Free Public Library Corporation on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary; and

Concord Free Public Library.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Keefe of Worcester) commending Elizabeth Matos for twenty-two years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth;

Elizabeth Matos.

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. Cataldo of Concord, 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 Division of Occupational Licensure (see Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws and sections 181 and 283 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws) relating to establishing fees for appraisal management companies and correcting appraiser license fees;

Appraiser licensing fees.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report summarizing the birth data and statistics for calendar year 2021; and

Birth statistics and data.

From the Department of Children and Families (see item 4000-0051 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the program evaluation report of the Massachusetts Family Resource Center Network for calendar year 2022; Severally were placed on file.

Family resource centers.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4091) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to candidates for elected office in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Election Laws.

Provincetown,— candidates.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4092) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to year-round housing occupancy restriction in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Housing.

Provincetown,— housing.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and others relative to eligibility for the emergency housing assistance program.

Emergency housing,— eligibility.

By Representative Mom of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rady Mom and Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell.

Lowell,— land.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Public Health, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1424) of Mark C. Montigny, Jack Patrick Lewis, John F. Keenan, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote humane cosmetics and other household products by limiting the use of animal testing,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Animals,— testing.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Edward J. Kennedy for legislation relative to the University of Massachusetts and a certain easement located in the city of Lowell, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Lowell,— land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2445) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 petition of Mathew J. Muratore and others for legislation to authorize insurance coverage for prosthetic devices and orthotic devices. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Financial Services. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prosthetic and orthotic devices,— coverage.

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:

Providing for recall elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 3575) [Local Approval Received];

Conway,— recall elections.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul O'Brien, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4083); and

Paul O'Brien,— sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Matthew McRae (House, No. 4085);

Matthew McRae.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (see Senate, No. 2424) (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 Wayne A. Ellis to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3657);

Approving the Townsend special act charter (House, No. 3728);

Merging certain voting precincts in the town of Groton (House, No. 3884);

Authorizing Cynthia Falzone to purchase creditable service from the Norfolk county retirement board (House, No. 3979); and

Changing the timing of preliminary elections in the city known as the town of Agawam to eight weeks preceding regular elections (House, No. 4023);

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.

Third reading bills.

The House Bill relative to the home rule charter of the city of Beverly (House, No. 3747), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Beverly,— charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4093), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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 twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (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.