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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.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Matthew L. Ringel on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Matthew
Ringel.

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

Petitions.

The following additional petition (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) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Driscoll of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4098) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., relative to the protection of the public health through the regulation of indoor air quality within public buildings. To the committee on Public Health. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public
buildings,—
air quality.

Representative Shand of Newburyport and Senator Finegold presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4097) of Dawne Shand and Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) that the town of Merrimac be authorized to increase the number of select board members in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Merrimac,—
select board.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Owens of Watertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marjorie C. Decker and Steven Owens that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Cambridge to said city for school and other municipal purposes.

Cambridge,—
land.

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Robert Montgomery Thomas and others relative to the flag and seal of the Commonwealth.

State flag and seal.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to the responsible use of certain advanced robotic technologies.

Robotic technologies.

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

Papers from the Senate.

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

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2446) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to authorize voluntary contributions to the Massachusetts Fire Fighters Academy Trust Fund. To the committee on Revenue.

Fire Fighters Academy Trust Fund.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2447) of Jacob R. Oliveira and Aaron L. Saunders for legislation to protect against attempts to ban, remove, or restrict library access to materials. To the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Library,—materials access.

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 joint petition of Sean Garballey, Cindy F. Friedman and David M. Rogers for legislation to repeal the prohibition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from locating a facility within a certain distance of the Arlington Catholic High School. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Arlington,—MBTA facility prohibition.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill providing for the annual election of members of the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School Committee (printed as Senate, No. 421), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Spencer East Brookfield Regional School committee.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Monson (see House, No. 3716) (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 Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mathew Blazes, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 2386), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Mathew
Blazis,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody, moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Worcester county sheriff's office shall establish a sick leave bank for Mathew Blazis, an employee of the office. Any employee of the office may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Mathew Blazis. If Mathew Blazis terminates employment with the office or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank. Sick leave bank days shall not be used for absences unrelated to the illness or disability that necessitated the establishment of the sick leave bank as determined by the office.”; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: “An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Mathew Blazis, an employee of Worcester county sheriff's office.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2386, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

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 five 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.