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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.

Statement Concerning Representative Pignatelli of Lenox.

A statement of Mr. Michael J. Moran of Boston concerning Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Pignatelli of Lenox, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, October 4. If he had been present, he would have voted in the affirmative on roll call No. 58 on the question on passing to be engrossed House bill No. 4109, An Act relative to salary range transparency. His missing of roll call No. 58 was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement
concerning
Mr. Pignatelli
of Lenox.

Statement Concerning Representative Vaughn of Wrentham.

A statement of Ms. Ferguson of Holden concerning Mr. Vaughn of Wrentham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, October 4, due to unexpected travel delays that interfered with his timely return to the Commonwealth. If he had been present, he would have voted in the affirmative on roll call No. 58 on the question on passing to be engrossed House bill No. 4109, An Act relative to salary range transparency. His missing of roll call 58 No. was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement
concerning
Mr. Vaughn
of Wrentham.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Kassner of Hamilton) congratulating Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello on her retirement as Council of Aging Director for the town of Georgetown, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Colleen
Ranshaw-
Fiorello.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, 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 Berkshire District Attorney's Office (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law);

Berkshire,—
OUI Deterrent
Trust Fund.

From the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2022 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs;

Berkshire,—
forfeiture
expenditures.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 117 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Section 167 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report of the Community Policing and Behavioral Health Advisory Council concerning the creation of a crisis response and continuity of care system; and

Community
Policing and
Behavioral
Health Advisory
Council.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022, as amended by Section 178 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report entitled; "Massachusetts 911 Call Study: Assessing the Potential to Divert Behavioral Health Calls to Alternative Responses";

Behavioral
Health,—
911 Call
Study report.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Hamilton of Methuen presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4122) of Ryan M. Hamilton and Francisco E. Paulino (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the mayor of the city of Methuen be authorized to appoint police cadets to the police department of said city; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Methuen,—
police cadets.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated school zones within said city.

Salem,—
speed limits.

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jessica Ann Giannino and others relative to pediatric cancer research.

Pediatric
cancer.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1750) of John C. Velis, Steven George Xiarhos, Sal N. DiDomenico and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to veterans' buyback, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Veterans,—
retirement.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2454) of Barry R. Finegold, Bruce E. Tarr, Tram T. Nguyen and Adrienne Pusateri Ramos (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a special purpose revolving fund in the town of North Andover. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

North
Andover,—
fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2453) of John F. Keenan and David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) [sic] exempt all uniformed positions in the fire department in the town of Rockland from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Rockland,—
civil service.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Designating historic routes (House, No. 3337);

Relative to the select board of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3902) [Local Approval Received]; and

Expanding the select board of the town of Sharon (House, No. 3905, changed) [Local Approval Received];

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

Historic routes.
Northborough,—
select board.

Sharon,—
select board.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 1012, 1077, 1097 and 1139 and House, Nos. 1542, 1547, 1745 and 3856, a Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4115). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Abuse and
exploitation,—
prevention.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill relative to requiring the Highway Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to establish a department and licensure process to oversee quarries producing concrete aggregate (see House, No. 4050, amended), 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.

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 4 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 House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Quarries,—
oversight.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the rate of payment for certain MassHealth ground ambulance services (see House, No. 4054, amended), 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.

MassHealth,—
ambulance
services.

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Bill
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Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill clarifying the application of judicial retirement law (see House, No. 4082, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, 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 certain bridge in the town of Dedham as the Honorable Deborah R. Cochran memorial bridge (House, No. 3382), 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 tomorrow at a quarter before eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at a quarter before eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.