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Met according to adjournment at a quarter before 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.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Representatives Balser of Newton, Jones of North Reading and Howitt of Seekonk, the members, guests, and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the lives lost during this weekend's terrorist attack in Israel. We join people from across Massachusetts and around the world in standing with Israeli citizens and our Jewish neighbors against the ongoing violence. We also reflect on the rising antisemitism here in the Commonwealth and recommit ourselves to standing against hatred and bigotry. We pray for those killed and the safe return of those in harm's way.

Israeli citizens
and Jewish
neighbors.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating the Graniteville Pride Committee on the twenty-fifth anniversary of its annual spaghetti supper for the Graniteville section of the town of Westford; and

Graniteville
Pride
Committee.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Muradian of Grafton) congratulating John Bucyk on the occasion of being named the 200 Foundation's 2023 Honoree of the Year;

John
Bucyk.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Paul R. Feeney and William Francis Galvin for legislation to protect seniors and adults with disabilities from financial exploitation, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Financial
exploitation,—
elderly and
disabilities.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2460) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Elder Affairs.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for Mary Donna Nodurf (House, No. 2428).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for Rebecca J. Vanderstelt (House, No. 2436).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the State Retirement Board to grant creditable service to James Wright (House, No. 2633).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service for Robert Iantosca, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 2635).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill granting creditable service to Cheryl DiLisio, an employee of Nahant public schools (House, No. 3639, changed in line 3 by striking out the figures: "1.7" and inserting in place thereof the figures: "1.04").

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System to grant credible service to Kellie Martin (House, No. 3812).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Jacob M. White to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3641).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Gregory S. Shopshire to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3642).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3643).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Jeffrey H. Jackson to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3644).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Holly Thyng to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3652).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Christopher Arrigo to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3653).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Adrian Peters to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3654).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ariel Rodriguez (House, No. 3844) [Local Approval Received].

Mary Donna Nodurf.

Rebecca Vanderstelt.

James Wright,—
retirement.

Robert Iantosca,—
retirement.

Cheryl DiLisio,—
retirement.

Kellie Martin,—
retirement.

Jacob White,—
retirement.

Gregory Shopshire,—
retirement.

Matthew Sonnabend,—
retirement.

Jeffrey Jackson,—
retirement.

Holly Thyng,—
retirement.

Christopher Arrigo,—
retirement.

Adrian Peters,—
retirement.

Boston,—
Ariel Rodriguez.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the town of Dedham (House, No. 3910) [Local Approval Received].

Dedham,—
police
appointments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting Eric Robert Esteves from the maximum age requirements for police officers in the town of Ware (House, No. 3961) [Local Approval Received].

Ware,—
Eric Robert
Esteves.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill providing for unlimited free phone calls to incarcerated individuals (see House, No. 4052, 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.

Incarcerated
individuals,—
phone calls.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The engrossed Bill relative to the paid family and medical leave program (see House, No. 4053, 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.

Family and
medical
leave program.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific
Amendments to the Constitution.*

At two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the two branches met in

Joint session.

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable Cynthia Stone Creem, having been appointed by the President, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, at three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the joint session was recessed until twelve o'clock noon, on Wednesday, April 10, 2023; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At seven 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 eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.