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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, 6th grade students from Saint Joseph School in Medford. They were the guests of Representatives Garballey and Donato of Medford.

Medford,—
Saint Joseph
School.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Garlick of Needham) congratulating Deborah V.H. Abraham on her retirement from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Deborah
Abraham.

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

Communications.

A communication from the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 10 of Chapter 25B of the General Laws) of the effectiveness of energy efficiency in the Commonwealth [a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law], was sent to the Senate for its information.

Energy
efficiency.

Communications

From the Department of Unemployment Assistance (see Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Annual Outlook Report containing updated projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year Outlook Period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027; and

Unemployment
Insurance Trust
Fund.

From the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as added by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023)

Permanent
rental
protections.

submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4140) of James Arciero and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Westford,—
easements.

By Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4141) of Thomas M. Stanley, John J. Lawn, Jr., and Michael J. Barrett (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Waltham be authorized to appoint special police officers to serve until the age of 70. To the committee on Public Service.

Waltham,—
special
police.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Kushmerek of Fitchburg presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to veterans' benefits; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Veterans'
benefits.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to ensure the responsible use of advanced robotic technologies, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Advanced
robotic
technologies.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2483) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to stores offering digital coupons. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Digital
coupons.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings and schools. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Public
buildings,—
door locks.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 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 House Bill establishing the position of town manager in the town of

Belchertown,—
town manager.

Belchertown (House, No. 3960) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Captain Ross A. Reynolds memorial bridge (House, No. 3334), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Leominster,—
Reynolds
bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 3; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the town of Leominster, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3334, amended) 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 seven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.