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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.

## *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Edmund T. Powers, Jr. of South Boston. A lifelong resident of South Boston.

Edmund T.  
Powers, Jr.

Ed served his country honorably with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and, after returning home, supported his fellow veterans in his neighborhood and across the Commonwealth as a member of the Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post 561.

Following his retirement, Ed volunteered as a crossing guard, taking care of countless children and families on their way to and from school over the years.

Ed was a beloved husband, son and brother. He is survived by his three children, Edmund T. Powers III, Christopher Powers and Shawn Powers; and his grandchildren, Thomas, Joshua, and Emma.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Day of Stoneham and other members of the House) recognizing November 1, 2023 as the first day of Epilepsy Awareness Month in the Commonwealth; and

Epilepsy  
awareness  
month.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sabadosa of Northampton) commending Resolve New England, Inc. for recognizing October 2023 as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month;

Resolve New  
England, Inc.

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

## *Petitions.*

Representative Straus of Mattapoisett and Senator Montigny presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4156) of William M. Straus and Mark C.

Mattapoisett,—  
conservation  
commission.

Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to providing for alternate members of the Mattapoissett conservation commission in the town of Mattapoissett; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Paul W. Mark that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Pittsfield to the Diocese of Springfield.

Pittsfield,—  
land.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to disclosure and regulation of campaign expenditures and contributions for certain town meeting articles.

Town  
meetings,—  
expenditures.

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

#### *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill relative to salary range transparency (House, No. 4109), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2484) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Salary range  
transparency.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Jehlen, Feeney and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of  
conference.

#### *Bills*

Enabling pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer PrEP (Senate, No. 2480) (on Senate bill No. 1353); and

PrEP,—  
pharmacists.

To increase access to disposable menstrual products (Senate, No. 2491) (on Senate bill No. 2481);

Menstrual  
products,—  
availability.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2485) of Barry R. Finegold and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Tewksbury to lease the Trahan Elementary School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years; and

Tewksbury,—  
Trahan  
Elementary  
School.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2487) of Ryan C. Fattman, Peter J. Durant and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize changing the name of board of selectmen to select board and the title of selectmen to select board member in the town of Charlton;

Charlton,—  
select board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

#### *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 Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to accidental disability retirement benefits for Thomas Romeo, a retired police officer of the town of North Reading. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

North Reading,—  
Thomas Romeo.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 2380 and House, No. 3741, a Bill authorizing additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in Boston (House, No. 3741) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—  
liquor  
licenses.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, by the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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:

Authorizing Jeffrey H. Jackson to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3644);

Jeffrey  
Jackson.

Authorizing Christopher Arrigo to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3653);

Christopher  
Arrigo.

Authorizing Adrian Peters to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3654); and

Adrian  
Peters.

Amending the town manager act of Arlington relative to the appointment of the town manager (House, No. 4026) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,—  
town manager.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 738, 739, 780 and 791 and House, Nos. 1166, 1216, 1218 and 3929, that the Bill to improve quality and oversight of long-term care (House, No. 3929), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Long  
term  
care.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to accelerating improvements to the local and regional public health system to address disparities in the delivery of public health services (House, No. 4101), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Public  
health  
services.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill to provide rapid whole genome sequencing (House, No. 1197) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Genome  
sequencing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 756 and House, No. 1202, a Bill to preserve special needs trusts for disabled seniors (House, No. 1202) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Disabled  
seniors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 800 and House, No. 1229, a Bill relative to the fair treatment of life estates in MassHealth eligibility (House, No. 1229) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

MassHealth eligibility.

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

By Mr. Cutler of Duxbury, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1153 and House, No. 1912, a Bill protecting the right to time off for voting (House, No. 4153) [Representatives Wong of Saugus and Soter of Bellingham dissenting].

Voting,—  
time off.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (House, No. 3017).

Identification,—  
gender.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring menstrual products in all state buildings (House, No. 3018).

Menstrual products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing gender-neutral bathrooms (House, No. 3019).

Gender-neutral bathrooms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to public access to historical records (House, No. 3033).

Historical records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to language access and inclusion (House, No. 3084).

Language,—  
inclusion.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals (House, No. 3005).

Hostile architecture.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3044).

Dwarfism awareness.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3085 and 3087, a Bill relative to educational collaboratives (House, No. 3085).

Educational collaboratives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3090).

PCOS month.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to restricted vital records (House, No. 3092).

Vital records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields (House, No. 3948) [Representative Elliott of Lowell dissenting].

Artificial turf,—  
prohibition.

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

### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Barone-Cichocki, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Senate, No. 2414), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Providing for an increase in the membership of the select board in the town of Sterling (House, No. 3727); and

Validating the actions taken at the Princeton annual town meeting (printed in House, No. 4067);

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.

*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.

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At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (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.