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Thursday, January 11, 2024.

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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Domb of Amherst, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silence in honor of disability justice advocate and Amherst resident, Joe Tringali.

Joe Tringali.

Joe died on December 27, 2023, Joe served on the Amherst town's Disability Access Advisory Committee, creating ways to support and incentivize access to commercial spaces. He was a fierce and passionate advocate for the dignity, civil rights and accessibility for people with disabilities, and his work to create disability justice entailed building awareness and compassion, engaging people most impacted, and changing policy. He worked to improve access to equipment; to ensure transparency in wheelchair warranties; and more. He was patient and relentless. He was a treasured co-worker at Stavros Center for Independent Living in Amherst, a devoted family member, and a beloved member of the disability community.

We send our deepest condolences to the family, his community, and his co-workers for their profound loss.

Special and Annual Reports.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under Section 237 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting its 2023 Report on Priority Public Health Trends from the Public Health Data Warehouse; and

Priority public
health trends.

The annual report of the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99(R) of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2023;

Norfolk
County,—
wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative D'Emilia of Bridgewater and Senator Timilty presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's department; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Jonathan
Corey,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, 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.

Representative Worrell of Boston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher J. Worrell and Nick Collins that the supplier diversity office promulgate regulations for the annual collection and reporting of procurement activity as such activity relates to certified business enterprises and non-certified businesses; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Supplier diversity office,— regulations.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That, a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey, may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

State of the State Address.

A Bill expanding wheelchair warranty protections for consumers with disabilities (Senate, No. 2546) (on Senate bill No. 2541), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Wheelchair warranty protections.

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 Zorianna Petrosyan relative to school start times for middle and high school students. To the committee on Education.

Schools,— start times.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul J. Donato relative to health insurance reimbursements for services provided by advanced practice registered nurses. To the committee on Financial Services.

Advanced practice nurses.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then 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 following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill removing the residency requirement for the treasurer of the county of Dukes County (Senate, No. 1288); and

Dukes County,— treasurer.

House bills

Authorizing sewer and water user discounts in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2017) [Local Approval Received];

Hopkinton,— user discounts.

Authorizing the town of Sharon to change the use of a certain parcel of land acquired for outdoor recreational purposes to a use for general municipal purposes (House, No. 4170) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sharon,— land.

Amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4184) [Local Approval Received];

Chelsea,—
charter.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rene Perez, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (Senate, No. 2452), 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

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis (House, No. 3732);

Third
reading
bills.

Granting an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4189); and

Authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4191);

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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.