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Thursday, March 2, 2023.

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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 (House, No. 1), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, March 1. General Appropriation Bill.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to creating tax relief for affordability, competitiveness and equity (House, No. 42), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, March 1.

Tax relief.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Message from the Governor — Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2023.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting (under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) Reorganization Plan Number 1 of 2023 to create the executive office of housing and livable communities and to rename the Executive Office of Economic Development (House, No. 43), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, March 1.

Reorganization Plan No. 1, executive agencies.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Article LXXXVII and Joint Rule 23A, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Statement of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

A statement of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley 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 I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, March 1, 2023, during consideration of the Bill making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain

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other activities and projects (House, No. 57). If I had been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call No. 10, on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments offered by Mr. Michlewitz of Boston; and I also would have voted yes on Roll Call No. 11, on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cutler of Pembroke) commemorating Theodore J. Flynn upon his retirement after decades of dedicated service to the town of Duxbury;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Charles D. Ross on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representative Saunders of Belchertown) congratulating Lodge 2448 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in the town of Ludlow on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of its founding; and

Resolutions (filed by Representative Vaughn of Wrentham) commemorating the one hundredth birthday of Mary Ellen McCarthy Warren;

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. 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.

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 three 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Theodore Flynn.

Charles Ross.

Ludlow,— Elks Lodge.

Mary Ellen McCarthy Warren.