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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 Representatives Domb of Amherst and Balsler of Newton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute for the more than 24,000 people who have died of COVID-19 in Massachusetts since the first case in the United States was confirmed by the CDC in January 2020.

Covid-19
remembrance.

Today we remember those who we have lost to COVID-19, with special attention to those most vulnerable – older adults, people with disabilities, unhoused individuals, and those who at the beginning of the pandemic lived in congregate settings including nursing homes and correctional settings. We also acknowledge the disproportionate impact on communities of color and those residents who continue to struggle with ongoing symptoms of the viral infection.

We also recognize with great appreciation the researchers whose work has contributed to COVID-19 treatment, testing and vaccination. And with deep gratitude, we honor those who were deemed “essential” and who continued to serve our Commonwealth during the early pandemic, including first responders, bus drivers and other municipal workers, care givers, health care providers, food pantry workers, shelter workers, members of our National Guard, and others who risked so much to make sure our communities were cared for. Today we also recognize their courage and commitment to our Commonwealth.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Philips of Sharon) congratulating Fire Chief James Wright of the town of Sharon on his retirement, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

James
Wright.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Communications.

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From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) of its activities for calendar year 2022;

DPU.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 6 of Chapter 124 and Section 1B of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its 2021 annual report;

Department of Correction.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 5 of Chapter 276B of the General Laws, as inserted by Section 202 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the annual report of the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee for fiscal year 2022; and

Restorative Justice Advisory Committee.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 20 of Chapter 23N of the General Laws) submitting its research plan for a prospective study of the feasibility and impact of sports wagering kiosks in retail locations and (see Section 25 of Chapter 173 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its study on participation by minority, women, and veteran owner business enterprises in the sports wagering industry;

Sports wagering.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

A report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (under Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting a listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property for calendar year 2022; and

Real property holdings and leased property.

A quarterly report of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its second quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022;

Bureau of Special Investigations.

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-sixth annual report (Senate, No. 22), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Capital Resource Company.

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.

Representative Fluker Oakley of Boston moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Brian J. Donnelly, a member of the House from Boston from 1973 to 1978, inclusive, a Representative in Congress from 1979 to 1993, inclusive, and United States Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago, from 1993 to 1997; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at eight 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.