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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) honoring Mildred Moulton Cox on her one hundredth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mildred
Cox.

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

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Ms. Fiola of Fall River) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4470).

Extensions of
time for
committees to
make reports.

Order (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Health is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4468).

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4471).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representative O'Day of West Boylston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Joel Laroche, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Joel
Laroche,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3959, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2696. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Easthampton,—
charter.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation to validate the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (Senate, No. 2698), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Whitman,—
annual
election.

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 Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr that a certain bridge on state highway Route 28 in the town of Harwich be designated as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge; and

Harwich,—
Blute bridge.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr that the roundabout at the intersection of state highways routes 28 and 39 in the town of Orleans shall be designated in honor of Dorofei Klimshuk;

Orleans,—
Klimshuk
roundabout.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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 designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Honorable John Walter Olver memorial bridge (Senate, No. 2609) [Local Approval Received];

Leominster,—
Olver bridge.

House bills

To protect Native American heritage (House, No. 3248);

Indians.
Medical
professionals.

Criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 4350);

Require the reporting of satisfaction of judgments awarding money damages (House, No. 4352);

Monetary
judgments.

Increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward act (House, No. 4354);

RV accidents,—
penalties.

Relative to the offense of assault and battery upon a transit worker (House, No. 4355);

Transit
workers.

Promoting housing opportunity and mobility through eviction sealing (HOMES) (House, No. 4356);

Housing,—
evictions.

Relative to nonprofit board member compensation (House, No. 4358);

Nonprofits.

Relative to tort actions for latent diseases (House, No. 4361); and Relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4429); Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.	Tort actions. Debt collection.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration: Of the Bill relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 4311); Of the Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4312); and Of the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329); And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.	Poet laureate. Springfield,— museum. Service animals.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to amend the structure of the Commission of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (House, No. 4390), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.
By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children’s cabinet (House, No. 189), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	Children’s cabinet.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill transferring Bridgewater State Hospital from the Department of Correction to the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 2985).	Bridgewater State Hospital.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the psychology interjurisdictional compact (House, No. 2986). Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.	Psychology,— compact.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a commission on infrastructure resilience (House, No. 3128).	Infrastructure.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (House, No. 3669). Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29 to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.	EOHHS,— effectiveness.
By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to preserve early education support for families (House, No. 2988).	Childcare,— contracts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the Cobble Mountain Reservoir in the towns of Blandford, Granville, and Russell (House, No. 2992).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil asset forfeiture data reporting (House, No. 2993).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further regulating access to public records (House, No. 2994).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public procurement and inclusive entrepreneurship (House, No. 2997).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 3001).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring a prevailing wage for the construction of certain parking facilities to be capable of supporting electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3007).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing certificate of organization fees for limited liability companies (House, No. 3010).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing filing fees for single member LLCs (House, No. 3011).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the executive office of food resources and security (House, No. 3029).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill ensuring uniformity in education discrimination complaint procedures (House, No. 3042).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the executive office of structural racism (House, No. 3047).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the fair participation of minority and women-owned businesses on public construction projects (House, No. 3048).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving government accountability (House, No. 3050).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities (House, No. 3057).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the state property zoning exemption (House, No. 3059).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to fair pay and safe workplaces (House, No. 3060).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to online posting of CMRs (House, No. 3064).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fairness in public contracting (House, No. 3072).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting governmental efficiency (House, No. 3079).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding information governance (House, No. 3082).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill further defining fraud in public construction contracts (House, No. 3086).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the procurement act exception for waste and recycling contracts (House, No. 3097).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a holiday known as “John F. Kennedy Day” to promote civic engagement and voter participation in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3099).

Cobble Mountain Road.

Civil asset forfeiture.

Public record access.

Entrepreneurship.

Police details,— payment.

Electric vehicles,— charging ports.

LLCs,— fees.

Id.

Food and security.

Education discrimination.

Structural racism.

Construction,— participation.

Government accountability.

Contracts,— decisions.

Zoning,— property.

Workplaces,— safety.

Regulations,— online posting.

Contracts,— fairness.

Governmental efficiency.

Information governance.

Construction,— fraud.

Waste, etc.,— contracts.

John F. Kennedy day.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve providing for the creation of a commemorative memorial portrait in the Massachusetts State House in honor of State Representative Doris Bunte (House, No. 3115).

State House,—
Doris Bunte
portrait.

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 to establish a COVID-19 Remembrance Day (House, No. 2987).

COVID-19,—
remembrance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to making amendments to the Massachusetts Business Corporation Act (House, No. 3024).

Business
corporations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating the official jazz song of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3105).

Official
jazz song.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to charter school procurement (House, No. 3116).

Charter school.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome awareness day (House, No. 4070).

Okur-Chung
Neurodevelop-
mental Syndrome
awareness day.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day (House, No. 3016). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

COVID-19,—
remembrance.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Increasing the term of office for select board members in the town of Marblehead from 1 year to 3 years (see Senate, No. 2652) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Directing the police department of the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ariel Rodriguez (see House, No. 3844); and

Authorizing the town of Dedham to establish a maximum age limit for original appointment to the position of police officer (see House, No. 3910);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to changing the board of selectmen in the town of Foxborough (House, No. 3724);

Third
reading
bills.

Exempting the positions of police chief and fire chief in the city of Greenfield from the civil service law (House, No. 4072); and

Amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4184);

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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (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.