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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced Chelsea Police Officer Sammy Mojica and Taylor Sprague of Chelsea. They were the guests of Representative Garcia of Chelsea.

Sammy Mojica
and Taylor
Sprague.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, Representative Garcia of Chelsea took the Chair, at her request, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in the memory of Chelsea Police Detective Scott Conley, who passed away on March 15, 2024 after a lengthy battle with illness.

Chelsea Police
Detective Scott
Conley.

After he served our nation in the United States Army between 1991-2000, Detective Conley started his impressive career at the Chelsea Police Department on February 22, 1996, and worked there up to the moment of his passing. During Detective Conley's tenure, he was assigned to the Department's first critical response team, receiving specialized training in tactical and urban operations with a focus on gang operations. Due to his phenomenal work, Detective Conley was assigned as Task Force Officer with the F.B.I.'s Violent Gang Task Force, operating out of the Boston Field Office in Chelsea.

We sincerely feel this tragic loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with Detective Conley's family and loved ones during this difficult time. As we grieve his loss, we remember Detective Conley's ardent dedication to our community and service to our nation as a United States Army veteran.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that (under Section 7 of Chapter 23H of the General Laws) he had appointed Representative Diggs of Barnstable as his designee to the State Workforce Development Board.

Workforce
development
board.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Cynthia Scott on her retirement from the Wellesley Food Bank;

Cynthia Scott.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston) congratulating the residents of the town of Hopkinton on the one hundredth anniversary of the Boston Marathon start line in the town of Hopkinton;

Hopkinton,—
marathon start.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) recognizing Julie's Family Learning Program for fifty years of serving and supporting children and families;

Julie's Family.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Driscoll of Milton) recognizing the month of March, 2024 as Kidney Disease Awareness Month; and

Kidney disease month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sousa of Framingham, Donaghue of Westborough, Lewis of Framingham and Gregoire of Marlborough) congratulating the Framingham Heart Study on the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment;

Framingham Heart Study.

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.

Petitions.

Representatives Ultrino of Malden and Donato of Medford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4526) of Steven Ultrino and Paul J. Donato (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the age requirement for police officers for the city of Malden; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Malden,—
police age requirement.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher M. Markey and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Michael Lewis,—
sick leave.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September 22 as military service members and veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day.

Veteran suicide,—
awareness.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield be designated as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway.

Sheffield,—
Barnard highway.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to violation of regulation regarding hot work processes (Senate, No. 2712) (on Senate bill No. 1485); and

Hot work.

Relative to fairness in debt collection (Senate, No. 2713) (on Senate bill No. 2638);

Debt collection.

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

A Bill authorizing the town of Rochester to continue the employment of Scott Weigel (Senate, No. 2690) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rochester,—
Scott Weigel.

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 petition of Kip A. Diggs for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Giannino of Revere, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Tamara
Luciani,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

House bills

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Whitman on May 20, 2023 (printed as Senate, No. 2698);

Whitman,—
election.

Establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3316);

MBTA,—
parking fees.

Relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3471);

Ice cream vans.

Increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3475); and

School buses.

The House Resolve relative to recognition for the Naval Armed Guard Service (House, No. 3505);

Naval Armed
Guard Service.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill promoting nature-based approaches for resiliency and climate change adaptation throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 3581).

Transportation,—
planning.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to water flow in the Central Plymouth County Water District (House, No. 3582).

Plymouth County
water district.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to an ADA paratransit program riders' bill of rights (House, No. 46).

Paratransit
program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to electric vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3344).

Electric
vehicles.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill limiting motor vehicle dealer documentation fees (House, No. 3348).

Motor vehicle
document fees.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing for partial payment of fines relating to driver's license suspension or revocation (House, No. 3377).

Drivers
licenses,—
suspension.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish free access to ride to elections in Massachusetts (FARE) (House, No. 3384).

Elections,—
ride access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the science corridor (House, No. 3386).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3360 and 3388, a Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness (House, No. 3388).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to rehabilitate regional roadways (House, No. 3390).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing driver privacy protections (House, No. 3404).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to an interstate compact for western MA rail service (House, No. 3418).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to preserve historic markers (House, No. 3425).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to transportation infrastructure value capture (House, No. 3441).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding audit performance and functions at the department of transportation (House, No. 3443).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote commercial driver safety (House, No. 3448).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts Civil Air Patrol vehicles and trailers (House, No. 3463).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2296 and House, No. 3473, a Bill establishing the blue star family license plate (House, No. 3473).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a red shield/blue shield license plate to survivors of firefighters and police officers who have died in the line of duty (House, No. 3476).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing wildflower and pollinator-friendly plantings alongside state roadways (House, No. 3705).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the odometer reading of a vehicle that is 25 years or older (House, No. 3708).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to junior operators (House, No. 3861).

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to insurance claims (House, No. 4307).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3340).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the expansion of bicycle lanes (House, No. 3350).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3356).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3369).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3376).

Science corridor bus.

Homelessness,— identification.

Regional roadways.

Privacy protections.

Rail service,— compact.

Historic roadways.

Transportation infrastructure.

MassDOT,— audit.

Commercial driver safety.

Civil Air Patrol.

Blue star families.

Survivors,— license plates.

Highway wildflower program.

Vehicles,— odometer readings.

Junior operators,— fund.

Insurance claims.

Containers.

Bicycle lanes.

Marshfield,— Route 3.

Hardship license.

Expired licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the vehicle transfer and registration laws (House, No. 3422).

Vehicle transfers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3477).

Rights of way.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3707).

Title and registration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883).

Ashland,—
Gates bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge as the Lt. David S. Cutler memorial bridge (House, No. 4108).

Marshfield and Norwell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill designating a the [sic] Greatest Neighborhood Park, in the city of Boston, as the "Jim Campano Park" (House, No. 4175).

Boston,—
Campano park.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill repealing the prohibition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from locating a facility within a certain distance of the Arlington Catholic High School (House, No. 4236).

Arlington,—
MBTA zoning.

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

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 1955), be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under Rule 7A, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Cannabis,—
employment discrimination.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following resolutions be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3484);

Quincy,—
patriotic city.

Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3486);

Buprenorphine.

Resolutions for a United States constitutional amendment and a limited amendment proposing convention (House, No. 3502);

Convention.

Resolutions condemning political oppression and encouraging free and fair elections in Cambodia (House, No. 3507); and

Cambodia,—
elections.

Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states (House, No. 3541);

Convention of states.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on adoption.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing at-large and ward school committee members in the city of Revere (see House, No. 2058, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage,

Bill enacted.

was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge (House, No. 4044), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Falmouth,—
Quinn
bridge.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joel Larochelle, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4495) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill repealing certain fiscal stability procedures in the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen (House, No. 4019), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Chesterfield
and Goshen.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4525), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.