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Thursday, April 18, 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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had reappointed Representative Holmes of Boston and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court Roderick Ireland of Milton as his designees (under Section 72 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Commission on the Status of African Americans.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from Africano Waltham. They were the guests of Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown.

Africano Waltham.

Communications.

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From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity – Affirmative Marketing Program for Design and Construction annual report for fiscal year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, and the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, as required by said law];

Supplier Diversity.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the activities of said office for fiscal year 2023;

Child Advocate.

From MassDevelopment (see Section 34 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2023 annual report;

MassDevelopment.

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see Section 1P of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting the ninth annual report of the Safe and Supportive Schools Commission [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, committee on Education; and the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, as required by said law];

Safe and Supportive Schools.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see item 0930-0100 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting a report entitled “Family Resource Centers: Recommendations for Increasing Access and Improving Service Delivery”;

Family resource centers.

From the Office of Medicaid (see item 4000-0601 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the MassHealth 2024 senior care report; and

Senior care report.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the April 8, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency housing assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

Quarterly Reports

Of the Office of the Inspector General (under item 1599-2051 of Section 2 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, as most recently amended by Section 54 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its first quarterly Pandemic Funding Oversight report for calendar year 2024;

Pandemic Funding Oversight report.

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its first quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023; and

Bureau of Special Investigations.

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its second quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023; and

Id.

Monthly Reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for March 2024; and

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as added by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent rental protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gifford of Wareham) honoring Alan Slavin on his retirement from the Wareham Select Board, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Alan Slavin.

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

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on a current Senate document, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care Financing,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, then reported that the order (House, No. 4558), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kearney of Scituate, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4559) of Patrick Joseph Kearney (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter of the town of Scituate. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Scituate,—
charter.

By Representative Cataldo of Concord, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4560) of Simon Cataldo (by vote of the town) that the town of Carlisle be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption. To the committee on Revenue.

Carlisle,—
senior property
tax exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

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 41 in the town of West Stockbridge be designated as the Gene Dellea highway.

West
Stockbridge,—
Dellea highway.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to increased availability of opioid antagonist medication.

Opioid
antagonist
medication.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Health be granted until December 31, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 186, 1335, 1342, 1349, 1367, 1373, 1375, 1379, 1391, 1406, 1414, 1415, 1450, 1455, 1457, 1458, 1460, and 1466, relative to public health matters.

Public Health
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2618) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Health be granted until December 31, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2670, relative to public health.

Id.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2699) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill authorizing the town moderator of the town of Monson to act as an election officer in certain elections (Senate, No. 2500) (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.

Monson,—
town
moderator.

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 joint petition of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark for legislation to dissolve the Whately Water District. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Whately Water
District.

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 establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 3632),— and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Fresh food,—
committee.

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

Relative to the taxation of natural gas infrastructure (printed as Senate, No. 1918);

Natural gas,—
infrastructure.

Relative to recreation on private tidelands (House, No. 795);

Tidelands.

Regulating the application of fertilizer used in the town of Orleans (House, No. 874) [Local Approval Received];

Orleans,—
fertilizer.

Relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation facility Title IX compliance (House, No. 923);

D.C.R.,—
Title IX.

Relative to the valuation of long term residences (House, No. 2691);

Residences.

To promote urban agriculture and horticulture (House, No. 2852);

Urban farms.

Providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 2890);

Firefighters.

Reducing tax liability for grandparents raising grandchildren (House, No. 2904);

Grandparents.

Relative to local control of boat excise revenue (House, No. 2955);

Boat excise.

Designating a certain intersection in the town of Pembroke as the Lavina A. Hatch corner (House, No. 3293);

Pembroke,—
Hatch corner.

Relative to parking enforcement (House, No. 3326);

Parking.

Designating [sic] a the Greatest Neighborhood Park, in the city of Boston, as the “Jim Campano Park” (House, No. 4175);

Boston,—
Campano park.

Relative to the safe operation of motor vehicles (House, No. 4490);

Motor vehicles.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4531); and

Tamara
Luciani.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Lewis (House, No. 4539);

Michael
Lewis.

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

<p>By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to modernize civil service laws (House, No. 4520), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.</p>	<p>Civil service law.</p>
<p>By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 649, changed), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.</p>	<p>Home care.</p>
<p>By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 752 and House, No. 1233, a Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes (House, No. 1233) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.</p>	<p>Rest homes,—rate structure.</p>
<p>By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 631 and House, No. 984, that the Bill relative to access to care for serious mental illness (House, No. 984), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Mental health,—care.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 659 and House, No. 990, that the Bill relative to removing barriers to non-opioid pain management (House, No. 990), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Pain management.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 699 and House, No. 1011, that the Bill relative to fair and equitable compensation for medical services (House, No. 1011), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Medical services.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 696 and House, No. 1030, that Bill relative to human donor milk coverage (House, No. 1030), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Human milk,—donors.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1247 and House, No. 1966, that the Bill ensuring access to addiction services (House, No. 1966), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Addiction services.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1266 and House, No. 1975, that the Bill relative to PANDAS/PANS (House, No. 1975), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>PANDAS/PANS,—criteria.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1240 and House, No. 1983, that the Bill to educate on prescription opioids (House, No. 1983), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Prescription opioids,—education.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 116 and House, No. 2132, that the Bill to close the achievement gap by addressing disparities in children’s vision (House, No. 2132), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Children’s vision.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1343 and House, No. 3628, that the Bill relative to clinical laboratories (House, No. 3628), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Clinical laboratories.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1024 and 4275, that the Bill to provide increased access to hearing aids (House, No. 4275), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Hearing aids.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 674 and 711 and House, Nos. 938 and 4410, that the Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (House, No. 4410), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].</p>	<p>Breast cancer.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.</p>	

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To improve Alzheimer's and dementia care in senior care options programs (House, No. 629) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Alzheimer's and dementia.

Relative to intensive case management for clinically complex older adults (House, No. 630) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Older adults.

Relative to disclosing continuing care retirement community entrance fees (House, No. 635) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Retirement communities.

Providing living organ donor protections (House, No. 1000) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Organ donors,—protections.

Regarding cervical cancer and women's preventative health (House, No. 1013) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Cervical cancer.

To improve child and adolescent mental health services (House, No. 1014) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Children,—mental health.

Providing for certain health insurance coverage (House, No. 1015) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Enteral formulas.

Relative to acupuncture detoxification specialists (House, No. 2162) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Acupuncture.

Relative to patient assessment and notification prior to prescribing certain medications (House, No. 2164) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Medications,—patients.

Relative to source plasma donation centers (House, No. 2234) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Plasma donation centers.

Relative to safe patient handling and mobility in certain health facilities (House, No. 2247) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Patients,—safe handling.

To improve access to breastfeeding care (House, No. 3626) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Breastfeeding,—access.

Further defining eligibility for medical use marijuana (House, No. 4087) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Medical use marijuana.

Requiring automated external defibrillators at sporting events (House, No. 4121) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Sports,—defibrillators.

Prohibiting nonconsensual intimate examinations of anesthetized or unconscious patients (House, No. 4293) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Nonconsensual examinations.

Relative to substance exposed newborns (House, No. 4392) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Newborns.

Relative to vertical integration of medical marijuana businesses (House, No. 4409) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Medical marijuana.

To expand access for those living with younger onset Alzheimer's, dementia and other disabilities (House, No. 4433) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Alzheimer's and dementia.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 723 and House, No. 1191, a Bill relating to hospital bad debts, claims denials and prompt payments (House, No. 1191) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Hospitals,—debts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 755 and House, No. 1195, a Bill clarifying rate setting processes for home health and home care services (House, No. 1195) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Home care services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to promote continuity of health coverage for children (House, No. 1214) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

MassHealth,—children.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 743 and House, No. 1222, a Bill to ensure uniform and transparent reporting of medical debt data (House, No. 1222) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medical
debt data.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 770 and House, No. 1248, a Bill regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility (House, No. 1248) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medicare.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 769 and House, No. 1249, a Bill to update Medicaid resource limits for seniors (House, No. 1249) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medicaid.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a department of public works in the town of Tyngsborough (see House, No. 2052); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Lynnfield to continue the employment of Glenn Davis as fire chief (see House, No. 4146);

(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 designating the Rumney Marsh area of critical environmental concern as the Joseph T. James area of critical environmental concern (House, No. 913) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

Expanding the Historic Beacon Hill District (House, No. 4076) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relative to the fair housing ordinance of the city of Cambridge (House, No. 4234); and

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the fines for failure to move parked vehicles during street cleaning in the city above the limits set forth in section 20A½ of chapter 90 of the General Laws (House, No. 4264) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally having been reported by said committee 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (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.