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Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Met at eleven o'clock A.M. (notwithstanding the Order adopted at the previous sitting requiring the House to meet at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 19, 2023), 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.

Communication from the Speaker.

The following communication from the Speaker of the House was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:

July 20, 2023.

The Honorable Steven T. James, *Clerk*
Massachusetts House of Representatives
State House—Room 145
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please note in the Journal of the House that, notwithstanding the Order adopted on Monday, July 17, 2023 requiring the House to meet at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, I cancelled said session under the authority granted me by House Rule 44. I did so in light of the State House being closed on July 19th due to an electrical fire in the basement of the State House.

Cancelled
session due to
electrical fire.

As such, I informed all Members of the House that the Informal Session scheduled for Wednesday July 19, 2023 would convene instead on Thursday July 20, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
RONALD MARIANO
Speaker of the House.

Communications.

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From the Secretary for Administration and Finance (see Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting a quarterly report relative to ensuring that coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund monies received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, comply with applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations, and sub-regulatory guidance; and

ARPA funds.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 193 of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997) submitting a report on the installations of cogeneration, fuel cell, renewable energy, and on-site generation facilities for calendar year 2022;

Renewable energy installations.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for June 2023, was placed on file.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4003) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Sunderland be authorized to continue the employment of fire department member Scott Smith; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sunderland,—
Scott Smith.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7B) of John Barrett, III relative to establishing the Greylock Glen land commission comprised of certain parcels of land acquired by the Commonwealth for general recreation purposes in the town of Adams.

Adams,—
Greylock
Glen land.

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark that the State Retirement Board be directed to credit Paul Lemelin, an employee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, with certain creditable service for retirement purposes.

Paul
Lemelin,—
retirement.

By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day and Michelle L. Ciccolo that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall convey to the town of Winchester certain land in said town for the purpose of facilitating a transit-oriented development including affordable housing.

Winchester,—
land.

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

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Kimberly
Riggins,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to establish a local option penalty on certain utility pole installation projects. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Utility poles,—
installation.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Aaron L. Saunders, Jacob R. Oliveira and Todd M. Smola for legislation to designate a certain bridge on state Route 9 between the towns of Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski memorial bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Belchertown and Ware,—
Iwasinski bridge.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren, 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 House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to the Board of Health in the town of Reading (House, No. 2072) [Local Approval Received];

Reading,—
health board.

Relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 2081) [Local Approval Received]; and

Dedham,—
charter.

Amending the act establishing a charter for the town of Wrentham (House, No. 3717) [Local Approval Received];

Wrentham,—
charter.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification (House, No. 3368).

Identification,—
gender.

By the same member, for the same committee, under the provisions of Joint Rule 3A, a Committee Bill relative to transit safety (House, No. 4002).

Transit
safety.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Donahue, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3778, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

William
Donahue,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to the estate of George J. Rotondo, Jr. (House, No. 2055);

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3933); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Anastasios Milonopoulos, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3981) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Joel S. Greenberg, a member of the House from Pittsfield from 1965 to 1970; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.