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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.

Distinguished Guests.

Mr. Chan of Quincy then took the Chair and introduced Jaehui Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea; and Giho Lee, Consul in the Office of the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Mr. Chan and the entire Asian-American & Pacific Islander Caucus.

Jaehui Kim
and Giho Lee.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable and other members of the House) expressing the gratitude and appreciation for the valiant service of first responders at the State House on July, 18, 2023, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

First
responders.

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

Quarterly Report.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2023, was placed on file.

Plymouth County
Correctional
Facility.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4009) of David F. DeCoste and John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) relative to extending the date for issuance of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Hanover. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Hanover,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4010) of David F. DeCoste and John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) that the board of

Rockland,—

selectmen of the town of Rockland be authorized to serve as cemetery commissioners for said town;

cemetery
commissioners.

By Representative LaNatra of Kingston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4011) of Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Kingston; and

Kingston,—
treasurer-
collector.

By Representative Peake of Provincetown and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4012) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Eastham be authorized to convey a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land to the Eastham Conservation Foundation, Inc.;

Eastham,—
land.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gifford of Wareham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Susan Williams Gifford that the Teachers' Retirement Board be directed to grant Thomas Brian Donnelly one year of creditable service and recalculate his superannuation retirement allowance.

Thomas
Donnelly,—
retirement.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark relative to repealing certain fiscal stability procedures of the Chesterfield-Goshen Regional School District.

Chesterfield-
Goshen Regional
School District.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Bruce E. Tarr, Patrick M. O'Connor and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to promote public payroll transparency, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Public
payroll,—
transparency.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2427) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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 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. To the committee on Public Service.

Paul
Lemelin,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter Capano that the Secretary of Veterans' Services be authorized to create a veterans' benefits and services notice and that certain employers be required to post said notice. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Veterans'
benefits,—
notices.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, 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:

Authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit (House, No. 2045) [Local Approval Received];

Pittsfield,—
contract.

Relative to the town of Monson treasurer-collector position (House, No. 3716) [Local Approval Received];

Monson,—
position.

Amending the town of Avon's by-laws (House, No. 3746, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

Avon,—
by-laws.

Permitting the town of Wakefield to convey an easement to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (House, No. 3995) [Local Approval Received];

Wakefield,—
easement.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt the position of deputy fire chief from the civil service law (House, No. 3720) (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 establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3848) (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.

Ana
Contreras,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3848, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eight minutes before two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

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 eight minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.