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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the actions taken at the Princeton annual town meeting (House, No. 4067), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, August 24.

Princeton,—
town meeting.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Rural Policy Advisory Commission (see Section 66 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for fiscal year 2023 [a copy of said communication was forwarded to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, as required by said law];

Rural Policy
Advisory
Commission.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2YYYY of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a detailed accounting of all monies transferred, credited, or deposited into the Substance Use Disorder Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund (SUD Trust Fund);

Substance
Use Disorder
Fund.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2023 expenditures for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

Cape and
Islands,—
drug programs.

From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2023 expenditures for motor vehicle forfeiture funds; and

Cape and
Islands,—
forfeitures.

From the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office (see Section 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2023 expenditures for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

Plymouth
County,—
drug programs
report.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

A report of the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office (under Section 24W of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) relative to the distribution of funds from the Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund for fiscal year 2023; and

Plymouth
County,—
OUI Trust Fund.

Quarterly reports

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its fourth quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023; and

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under item 1790-3009 of Section 2 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its seventh quarterly report relative to the comprehensive modernization and transformation for the deployment of an online delivery system for unemployment insurance compensation benefits;

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
online benefits
delivery system.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 44) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark relative to the use of Department of Conservation and Recreation land for emergency service access in the town of Cummington. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Cummington,—
land.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Miranda, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 45) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Liz Miranda and Erika Uyterhoeven for legislation to provide sentencing parity in criminal law. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Criminal
law,—
sentencing.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 46) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to an Americans with Disabilities paratransit program. To the committee on Transportation.

ADA
paratransit
program.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4071) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Boston to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Luigi D'Addieco; and

Boston,—
Luigi
D'Addieco.

By Representatives Whipps of Athol and Blais of Deerfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4072) of Susannah M. Whipps and Natalie M. Blais (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Greenfield be authorized to exempt the positions of police chief and fire chief in said town from the civil service law.

Greenfield,—
civil service
law.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to issue pension obligation bonds or notes.

Nantucket,—
pension bonds.

By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry and Edward J. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul O'Brien, an employee of the Trial Court.

Paul O'Brien,—
sick leave.

By Representative Khan of Newton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kay Khan relative to mental health awareness at public higher education institutions.

Mental health
awareness.

By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William M. Straus relative to the optional retirement program for certain employees of public higher education institutions.

Optional
retirement
program.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to provide for certain sales and use tax exemptions for certain items for infants and children.

Tax
exemptions.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of John C. Velis, Daniel R. Carey and Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to ensure transparent ticket pricing, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Ticket
resales,—
pricing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2442) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Rutland to increase the membership of the town's board of selectmen (Senate, No. 2371) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Rutland,—
select board.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4057) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$225,000,000.00]. Read and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Transportation
bonds,—
terms.

Engrossed Bills.

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Authorizing the town of Lanesborough to continue the employment of Daniel Bologna, Charles Garrity, Peter Pannesco, Peter Oakley, David Rolle, Donald Whalen and Michael Wooliver as firefighters (see House, No. 2435); and

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Hancock to continue the employment of firefighters and the police chief (see House, No. 2437, amended);

(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.

The House Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Gosnold to selectboard (House, No. 3842), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Gosnold,—
selectboard.

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