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Thursday, August 31, 2023.

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 Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Ferguson of Holden had been appointed, as his designee (under Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws), to the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care.

Early Education
and Care.

That Representative Pease of Westfield had been appointed, as his designee (under Section 79 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018), to the Early Education and Care Workforce Council.

Id.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Galvin of Canton) congratulating Mark Matanes on the occasion of his retirement as State Commissioner of the Eastern Massachusetts Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc.; and

Mark
Matanes.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Diane Packer on the occasion of her retirement as Town Clerk of Natick;

Diane
Packer.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual Report.

A report of the Department of Agricultural Resources (under Section 5A of Chapter 132B of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on pesticide use for fiscal year 2022, was placed on file.

Agricultural
Resources.

Additional Petition.

An additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 20, 2023) was referred, under Rule 24, as follows:

Representative DuBois of Brockton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4078) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to creating a Chapter 62F calculations study group of fiscal harms caused by excluding new local tax revenue from "allowable state tax revenue" calculations and other such calculations. To the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

State tax revenue.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4073) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Williamstown,—
liquor license.

By Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4074) of Erika Uytterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a program to provide certain tenants and entities the right to purchase the residential property in which the tenants reside when that residential property is being offered for sale. To the committee on Housing.

Somerville,—
right to purchase.

By Representative Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4075) of Michael S. Day (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoneham be authorized to change the terms of the elected office of moderator for said town;

Stoneham,—
town
moderator.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to transfer a certain parcel of conservation land to the Nantucket Islands Land Bank; and

Nantucket,—
land.

By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Jay D. Livingstone (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to increase the size of the Historic Beacon Hill District.

Beacon Hill
historic
district.

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 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 county of Nantucket be authorized to convey certain parcels of land to the town of Nantucket.

Nantucket,—
land.

By Representative Finn of West Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to improve municipal equity within the emergency assistance shelter program.

Emergency
shelter
program.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Michael F. Rush and William F. MacGregor for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Erin Keel, an employee of the Executive Office of

Erin Keel,—
sick leave.

Health and Human Services, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2443) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey N. Roy that the Executive Office of Education establish an adult workforce diploma program to assist certain adults in obtaining high school diplomas and developing employability and career technical skills. To the committee on Education.

Adult workforce
diploma
program.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William M. Straus relative to the optional retirement program for certain employees of public higher education institutions. To the committee on Public Service.

College
workers,—
retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill validating the annual town meeting for the town of Blandford (see House, No. 661) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westport (House, No. 3751), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At six 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 Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.