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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023.**

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Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Hogan of Stow and Muradian of Grafton) congratulating State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey on his retirement; and

Peter  
Ostroskey.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Meschino of Hull) commending the Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag Corporation for its recognition of September 22, 2023 as Veteran Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day;

Veterans  
suicide  
awareness.

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

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Boldyga of Southwick and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) relative to the office of town clerk and town treasurer in the town of Southwick; and

Southwick,—  
town clerk  
and treasurer.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the governance of the Forbes Library in the city of Northampton.

Northampton,—  
Forbes  
Library.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Schmid of Westport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4081) of Paul A. Schmid, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Acushnet be authorized to continue the employment of the call deputy fire chief of said town. To the committee on Public Service.

Acushnet,—  
call deputy  
fire chief.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

## *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill merging certain voting precincts in the town of Groton (House, No. 3884) [Local Approval Received].

Groton,—  
voting  
precincts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill changing the timing of preliminary elections in the city known as the town of Agawam to eight weeks preceding regular elections (House, No. 4023) [Local Approval Received].

Agawam,—  
preliminary  
elections.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported, in each instance, that the matters be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill providing for the annual election of members of the Spencer East Brookfield Regional School Committee (printed as Senate, No. 421).

Spencer East  
Brookfield  
school district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Arlington to offer early voting in town elections (House, No. 685) [Local Approval Received].

Arlington,—  
early voting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for recall elections in the town of Conway (House, No. 3575) [Local Approval Received].

Conway,—  
recall  
elections.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### House bills

Relative to the Auburn Water District clerk and treasurer (House, No. 2048); and Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown (House, No. 3931);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.