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Thursday, October 5, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representatives Garballey of Arlington, Hamilton of Methuen, Rogers of Cambridge, Lombardo of Billerica, and Gordon of Bedford the members, staff, and guests of the House of Representatives stood for a moment of silence in respect to the memory of Charles Lyons.

Charles
Lyons.

Charles Lyons of Methuen, formerly of Arlington, passed away surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma.

Charlie was elected to office as a young man in 1972 where he was the first 18-year-old in the country elected to a town or city position. He served the citizens of Arlington as an elected official for 33 years and went on to serve at the national level as president of the National League of Cities. As the Superintendent Emeritus of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School for 28 years, Charlie dedicated himself to advancing vocational education in the state of Massachusetts. He loved spending time with family and friends, golfing, traveling, and watching the Boston Red Sox. Beloved husband of Leanne (Marciano) Lyons. Loving father of Christine Lyons of Londonderry, NH, Lisa (Lyons) Tully and her husband Ryan of Beverly, and Michael Lyons and his wife Jennifer of Medford.

Charles is survived by 5 loving siblings and cherished ‘Grandpa’ to Emily, Jack, Nolan, Caroline, and Norah. Charlie was known by many as a close friend and by thousands as a mentor. He will be deeply missed.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Deputy Fire Chief Alfred Cunningham on his retirement from the Whitman Fire Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Alfred
Cunningham.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Communications.

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From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on OUI Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law);

Northwestern,—
OUI Deterrent
Trust Fund.

From the Middlesex 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; and

Middlesex,—
forfeiture
expenditures.

From the Office of Medicaid (see Section 6 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) on the previous year's activities of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, including the agendas, materials and mailing list for MCAC meetings in calendar year 2023;

Medical
Care Advisory
Committee.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4114) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Leverett be authorized to provide for local voting rights for certain lawful permanent residents residing in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Leverett,—
voting
rights.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to the employment of persons with disabilities, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Persons with
disabilities,—
employment.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2456) 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:

State troopers,—
benefits.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry relative to survivor benefits for the spouses of retired state troopers;

Katherine
McGuinness,—
retirement.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul McMurtry that the State Retirement Board provide a lifetime monthly allowance to Katherine M. McGuinness, the surviving spouse of former state police officer James T. McGuinness;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Lowell,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rady Mom and Rodney M. Elliott that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham, 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:

Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Leominster as the Captain Ross A. Reynolds memorial bridge (House, No. 3334);

Bill relative to the town of Plymouth's Facilities Improvement Fund (House, No. 3909) [Local Approval Received]; and

Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jaer J. Martinez, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 4110);

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

Leominster,—
bridge.

Plymouth,—
fund.

Jaer Martinez,—
sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill increasing the number of members for the select board of the town of Lakeville (House, No. 2093), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Lakeville,—
select board.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 2, in line 4, by striking out the word "ballot" and inserting in place thereof the words "annual town".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2093, amended) was 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (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.