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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023.**

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Monday, October 23, 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.

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2WWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund report for fiscal year 2023;

MassHealth,—  
hospital  
reimbursements.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2WWW of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Non-Acute Care Hospital Reimbursement Trust Fund report for fiscal year 2022;

Id.

From the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023;

Berkshire  
Transit  
Authority.

From the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; and

Id.

From the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its basic financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023;

Worcester  
Regional  
Transit  
Authority.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Reports.*

An annual report of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (under Section 4 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its sixth annual activities report; and

Cannabis  
Control  
Commission.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2023;

Plymouth  
County  
Correctional  
Facility.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to accidental disability retirement benefits for Thomas Romeo, a retired police officer of the town of North Reading.

Thomas Romeo,—  
retirement  
benefits.

By Representative McKenna of Webster and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kelly Wheeler, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services.

Kelly Wheeler,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to authorize schools and students participating in certain athletic programs to seek arbitration to review athletic programs eligibility decisions.

Athletic  
programs,—  
arbitration.

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

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 2081), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2455.

Dedham,—  
charter.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to authorizing the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Nantucket,—  
transfer fee.

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 petition of Michael P. Kushmerek relative to veterans' benefits. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Veterans,—  
benefits.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Charlton (Senate, No. 2416) [Local Approval Received]; and

Charlton,—  
special police.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Hull to issue pension obligation bonds or notes (House, No. 2084) [Local Approval Received];

Hull,—  
bonds.

Dissolving the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority and incorporating its functions into the Northampton Housing Authority (House, No. 3810); and

Northampton  
Housing  
Authority.

Further amending the charter of the town of Middleton (House, No. 3970, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Middleton,—  
charter.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Corinne Senna (House, No. 4144). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Corinne  
Senna,—  
sick leave.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

##### House bills

Relative to the select board of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3902);

Relative to the town of Plymouth's Facilities Improvement Fund (House, No. 3909); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Maynard (House, No. 3930);

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. Severally 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 eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.