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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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Whipps of Athol and Blais of Deerfield) congratulating Dean Cycon on his retirement as owner of Dean's Beans, Inc. after thirty years of dedicated service; and

Dean
Cycon.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Zlotnik of Gardner and other members of the House) commending the Polish-American Veterans of Massachusetts, Inc. on serving the communities of the Commonwealth for seventy-five years;

Polish-
American
Veterans.

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

Petitions.

Representative Day of Stoneham presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael S. Day for legislation to further regulate firearms; and the same was referred, under Joint Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Firearms.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Reyes of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Estela A. Reyes relative to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program countable income. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Supplemental
Nutrition
Assistance
Program.

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3943) of Brian M. Ashe relative to the language readiness of deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing children entering kindergarten; and	Children,— language readiness.
By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3944) of Manny Cruz relative to school site councils and district parent advisory councils;	School site and parent advisory councils.
Severally to the committee on Education.	
By Representative Holmes of Boston and Senator Miranda, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3945) of Russell E. Holmes and Liz Miranda relative to sentencing for felony murder. To the committee on the Judiciary.	Felony murder.
By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3946) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to regulating medical imaging and radiation therapy. To the committee on Public Health.	Medical imaging and radiation therapy.
By Representative Cruz of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3947) of Manny Cruz for legislation to establish a separate fund to be known as the bilingual education trust fund in support of bilingual educators and dual language certification incentives. To the committee on Revenue.	Bilingual education trust fund.
By Representative Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3948) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Michelle M. DuBois relative to state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields; and	Artificial turf fields,— contracts.
By Representative Holmes of Boston and Senator Miranda, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3949) of Russell E. Holmes and Liz Miranda for legislation to transfer jurisdiction of the Department of Correction and the Parole Board from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;	Correction department and Parole Board.
Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.	
By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3950) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to establishing a residential property assessed clean energy (R-PACE) program. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.	Homes,— assessed clean energy program.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.	
Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3951) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Richmond be authorized to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.	Richmond,— Steven Traver.
Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:	
By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to veteran motor vehicle plate distinctions by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.	Veterans' motor vehicle plates.
By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins and others for legislation to encourage the improvement of free libraries and library systems.	Free libraries and library systems.
By Representative Ryan of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Ryan relative to the distribution of federal pandemic funds received by executive offices, state agencies, state authorities or quasi-state authorities and constitutional offices.	Federal pandemic funds,— distribution.
Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.	

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 3936) [Total Appropriation: \$6,660,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

State funds,—
emergency
expenditure.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maritza Miranda, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3933), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Maritza
Miranda,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill making certain appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (see House bill printed in House, No. 3936), 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 authorizing the town of Hancock to allow firefighters and the police chief to continue serving past age 65 (House, No. 2437) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Hancock,—
retirement.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1 by adding the following sentence: “Upon retirement, such firefighters and police chief shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which they would have been entitled had they retired at the age of 65.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2437, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Kenneth Ouimette (House, No. 3792), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Conway,—
Kenneth
Ouimette.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 7, by inserting after the word “purposes” the

following: “and, upon retirement, Kenneth Ouimette shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired at age 65”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3792, 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 Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At three minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.