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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.

Changes in House Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced the following changes in House standing committees:

That Representative Flanagan of Dennis had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight and that Representative MacGregor of Boston has been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Changes in House standing committees.

That Representative Donaghue of Westborough had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston has been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Operations, Facilities and Security and that Representative MacGregor of Boston has been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Changes in Joint Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced the following changes in joint standing committees:

That Representative Reyes of Lawrence had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston has been appointed to the 10th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Shand of Newburyport had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston has been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Philips of Sharon had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses and that Representative MacGregor of Boston has been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Representative Kerans of Danvers had been relieved of duty (at their own request) from the committee on Election Laws and that Representative John Francis Moran of Boston has been appointed to the 9th position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

Changes in joint standing committees.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Matthew Robert Richard on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Matthew Richard.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Meschino of Hull, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Division of Banks (under Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2022; and

Of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (under Section 13 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) on data collection and reporting in the criminal justice system;

Severally were placed on file.

Division of Banks.

Criminal justice data collection.

Petitions.

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 DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3953) of Michelle M. DuBois and Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish a publicly owned and administered trust fund for receipt of reasonable mortgage payments; and

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3954) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to shared appreciation mortgage loans.

Severally to the committee on Financial Services.

By Representative Holmes of Boston and Senator Miranda, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3955) of Russell E. Holmes, Liz Miranda and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to provide for second look review of the sentences of certain incarcerated persons;

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3956) of Russell E. Holmes, Liz Miranda and others for legislation to authorize an independent correctional oversight office to facilitate the recommendations of the Special Legislative Commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth; and

By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3957) of Russell E. Holmes relative to compensation for erroneous felony convictions.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3958) of Russell E. Holmes relative to parking with auction dealer license plates. To the committee on Transportation.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mortgages,—public fund.

Mortgage loans.

Incarcerated persons,—sentence review.

Correctional facilities,— oversight office.

Erroneous felony convictions.

Auction dealer license plates.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Carey of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3959) of Daniel R. Carey and John C. Velis (with the approval of the city council) for legislation to amend the charter of the city of Easthampton. To the committee on Election Laws.

Easthampton,—city charter.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3960) of Aaron L. Saunders and Jacob R. Oliveira (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the position of town manager in the town of Belchertown. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Belchertown, town manager.

By Representatives Smola of Warren and Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3961) of Todd M. Smola and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to exempting Eric Robert Esteves from the maximum age requirements for police officers in the town of Ware. To the committee on Public Service.

Ware,— Eric Robert Esteves.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrows of Mansfield (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Julie Mejia relative to health insurance coverage for diabetic products.

Diabetic products.
Airway clearance

devices.

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott for legislation to authorize school districts to provide portable airway clearance devices on-site at school facilities where instructions are provided.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael Grant, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3821, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment adding the following sentence: "The employee must exhaust all accrued leave time before accessing time from the sick leave bank.". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Michael Grant, sick leave.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2411) of John F. Keenan and Robert Joseph Jaruse for legislation relative to lot rent abatement for veterans. To the committee on Revenue.

Veterans,—abatements.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2412) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to authorize the city of New Bedford to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

New Bedford, easement.

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 Rob Consalvo that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to erect a bench in the Hyde Park neighborhood of the city of Boston in honor of Rita Walsh. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Boston,— Rita Walsh bench.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Denise C. Garlick and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Thomas Hartley, an employee of the Department of Correction. To the committee on Public Service.

Thomas Hartley,— sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to promote the development of clean energy. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Clean energy.

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

Genetic counselors.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 274).

Dentist diversion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on petition, a Bill establishing a dentist diversion program (House, No. 300).

Dental hygienists,—licensure.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 2385 and 2392 and House, No. 3880, a Bill relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure (House, No. 3880).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill relative to regulating the septic industry (House, No. 330).

Septic industry,—regulation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the existing pipefitting exemption (House, No. 388).

Pipefitting exemption.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Check cashing,—fees.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill creating a maximum allowable check-cashing rate (House, No. 344).

Northampton,—liquor licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3715, a Bill authorizing the city of Northampton to grant seven additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3952) [Local Approval Received].

Blandford,—town meeting.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill validating the annual town meeting for the town of Blandford (House, No. 661) [Local Approval Received].

Lancaster, election.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 3578) [Local Approval Received].

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,— *Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday
next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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Next sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.