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Thursday, August 10, 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.

Message from the Governor — Disapprovals and Recommendations of Amendments in General Appropriation Bill.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor returning with her disapproval of a certain section and certain items, and reductions of certain items contained in section 2, and also with recommendation of amendment of certain sections contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 for the maintenance of the departments, board, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements [see House, No. 4040] (for message, see House, No. 4055), filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 9, was read.

General
Appropriation
Bill,—
disapprovals and
amendments.

So much of the message as relates to the disapprovals and reductions were referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

Sections 8 and 101 — Printed as House, No. 4050;

Section 15 — Printed as House, No. 4051;

Sections 50, 85 and 111 — Printed as House, No. 4052;

Section 57 — Printed as House, No. 4053; and

Section 87 — Printed as House, No. 4054.

Severally, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Jones of North Reading and Haggerty of Woburn) congratulating Geoffrey “Geoff” Beckwith on his retirement as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.;

Geoff
Beckwith.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Arciero of Westford) congratulating James Antonelli of Westford on his retirement from the Westford Public Schools after many years of dedicated service;

James
Antonelli.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) in recognition of Yolanda Cerullo on her one hundredth birthday; and

Yolanda
Cerullo.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Fernandes of Falmouth) congratulating the Falmouth Rod & Gun Club, Inc. on its ninetieth anniversary;

Falmouth
Rod & Gun
Club.

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. Worrell of Boston, 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 Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Photo Requirements Exemptions; and

Transitional
assistance,—
EBT photos.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Eligible Noncitizen Status Clients [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on House Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

Transitional
assistance,—
noncitizen
families.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Hogan of Stow and Senator Robyn K. Kennedy presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4056) of Kate Hogan and Robyn K. Kennedy (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Bolton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bolton,—
town clerk.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to directing the State Retirement Board to grant creditable service to Cheryl A. Bednarik, a member of the University of Massachusetts retirement system.

Cheryl
Bednarik,—
retirement.

By Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to authorizing Thomas Struthers to purchase creditable service from the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board.

Thomas
Struthers,—
retirement.

By Representative Turco of Winthrop, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to stores offering digital coupons.

Digital
coupons.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco for legislation to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings and schools.

Public
buildings,—
door-locking.

By Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Erika Uytterhoeven relative to establishing minimum salaries for teachers and education support professionals.

Educators,—
minimum pay.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 2433) (on Senate, No. 2431), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Jody
Ricketson,—
sick leave.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2435) of Julian Cyr, Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the city known as the town of Barnstable to change the use of a portion of land within Mother's Park, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Barnstable,—
land.

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 resolve) of Carol A. Doherty and Patricia A. Haddad for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the welfare and best interest considerations of children in care and protection cases. To the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Children,—
best interests.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Natalie M. Blais relative to the rate of vacation time for certain employees of the Commonwealth who are veterans and buyback creditable service. To the committee on Public Service.

Veterans,—
creditable
service.

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.

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 town of Scituate to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 2424) [Local Approval Received]; and
House bills

Scituate,—
special police.

Increasing the number of members for the select board of the town of Lakeville (House, No. 2093) [Local Approval Received];

Lakeville,—
select board.

Relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westport (House, No. 3751) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westport,—
select board.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Gosnold to selectboard (House, No. 3842) [Local Approval Received];

Gosnold,—
selectboard.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 3938, a Bill authorizing the town of Northfield to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III (House, No. 4048) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Northfield,—
Floyd
Dunnell.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 2081); and

Authorizing the city of Northampton to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3952) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

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.

Next
sitting.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (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.