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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024.**

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Monday, January 22, 2024.

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.

## *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, Girl Scout Troop 74893 from Westminster. At the invitation of the Chair, the girl scouts participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Ms. Ferguson of Holden.

Westminster,—  
Girl Scout  
Troop 74893.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls swim team, who won the Division 2 state swim and diving championship this fall. This is their fourth consecutive win. At the invitation of the Chair, the swim team participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were accompanied by their coach Doug Curtin. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley  
High School  
girls swim  
team.

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting fiscal year 2023 annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

Trial Court,—  
community  
corrections  
centers.

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see item 3000-6025 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the report on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) implementation activities;

Preschool  
Partnership  
Initiative.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4800-0015 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Children and Families Fair Hearing report for fiscal year 2023;

Children and  
Families,—  
fair hearings.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 2(b) of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Correction No-Cost Calls report; and

Department of  
Correction,—  
no-cost calls.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the January 16, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Housing,—  
emergency  
assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

*Monthly Report.*

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections, was placed on file.

Permanent rental protections.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4272) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) relative to providing for recall elections in the town of North Brookfield. To the committee on Election Laws.

North Brookfield,— recall elections.

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4273) of Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Somerset be authorized to acquire interests in certain land in said town for sewer purposes. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Somerset,— land.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Howitt of Seekonk presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to artificial intelligence disclosures; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Artificial intelligence disclosures.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Bills**

Providing consumers with equal protection for all real estate appraisals (Senate, No. 2550) (on Senate bill No. 2476);

Real estate appraisals.

Prohibiting inhumane feline declawing (Senate, No. 2552) (on Senate bill No. 190); and

Felines,— declawing.

Relative to archaic laws (Senate, No. 2561) (on Senate bill No. 2551);

Archaic laws.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*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 Steve Bugli for legislation to further regulate the sale of certain Chapter 40B properties purchased before the year 2010. To the committee on Housing.

Chapter 40B,— property sales.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Counseling compact.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated school zones within said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Salem,—  
speed limits.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, 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 establishing a special purpose revolving fund in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 2454)[Local Approval Received];

North Andover,—  
revolving fund.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Nicole Halal, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (printed as Senate, No. 2556);

Nicole Halal,—  
sick leave.

Amending Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1939 concerning the establishment of the Lynnfield Center Water District (House, No. 3808) [Local Approval Received]; and

Lynnfield Center  
Water District.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Corey, an employee of the Suffolk county sheriff's department (House, No. 4250);

Jonathan Corey,—  
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 85) of Anne M. Gobi, Joanne M. Comerford, Jacob R. Oliveira, Hannah Kane and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program;

Healthy  
incentives  
program.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 150) of Mindy Domb and others for legislation to authorize agricultural healthy incentives program; and

Id.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 185) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Hannah Kane and others relative to establishing a healthy incentives program for the purpose of ensuring the needs of SNAP recipients and farmers;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 838 and House, Nos. 1264, 1270 and 1280, a Bill relative to advanced placement examinations and college credit (House, No. 4265).

Advanced  
placement  
exams.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1255, a Bill requiring menstrual products in buildings on public higher education campuses (House, No. 4267).

Public campuses,—  
menstrual  
products.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1277, a Bill ensuring students' access to academic transcripts (House, No. 4268).

Academic  
transcripts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1294, a Bill to facilitate student financial assistance (House, No. 4269).

Financial  
assistance.

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

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on Senate, No. 844 and House, No. 1283, a Bill protecting public higher education student information (House, No. 4266). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Colleges,—  
student  
information.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Changing the position of town clerk in the town of Wenham from an elected position to an appointed position (see Senate, No. 2524) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Reading to dissolve its Affordable Housing Trust Fund (see House, No. 1341, amended); and

Relative to the Middleborough gas and electric board of commissioners in the town of Middleborough (see House, No. 2092);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire chief Peter Shedd (House, No. 4064);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing Brandon Fredette to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4147); and

Relative to the town of Lanesborough employee training (House, No. 4158);

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.

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The House Bill authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of wines at a food store (House, No. 4190), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Weston,—  
liquor  
license.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 4, by inserting after the word “wines” the words “and malt beverages”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4190, 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.

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At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (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.