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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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 52), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 19.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing the immediate economic revitalization, community development, and housing needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 51), was filed with the Clerk on Thursday, January 19.

Economic
revitalization.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Special Recognition.

During the session, Representative Howard of Lowell took the Chair, declared a brief recess and on behalf of Representatives Wong of Saugus, Chan of Quincy, Schmid of Westport, Mom of Lowell, Nguyen of Andover, and Uytterhoeven of Somerville paid tribute to the members of the Asian community of the Commonwealth on the occasion of the Lunar New Year, as follows:

Southeast
Asian
New Year.

On Sunday, January 22nd, the New Year of the Lunar Calendar began. It is the 4720th year according to the Lunar Calendar and is the second oldest continuously used calendar in the world. Many Asian cultures including Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Laotian celebrate the Lunar New Year as a time to spend with family sharing happiness and good fortune.

The Lunar Calendar is set in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This year is the year of the Rabbit, the 4th animal of the 12-year cycle. However, in the Vietnamese calendar they replace the rabbit with the cat and the ox with the buffalo, so in Vietnam they will be celebrating the year of the Cat. Persons born this year are calm, gentle, and thoughtful on how to approach challenges. The expectations for the year will be one of facing challenges in all aspects of life and developing new ways to achieve one's goals.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Wellesley High School girls swim team, who won their third Division 2 state swim and diving championship this fall. They were accompanied by their coach Doug Curtin, Division 2 swim coach of the year. They were the guests of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley,—
girls swim
team.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Philips of Sharon) commending the Sharon Garden Club on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of its establishment; and

Sharon
Garden Club.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell) honoring Albert Harris, retired Pepperell firefighter and namesake of the Albert Harris Center;

Albert
Harris.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission PERAC (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 3.00 and 13.00) (House, No. 49), was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public Employee
Retirement
Administration
Commission.

Communications

From the Office of the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund fifty-first planned expenditure [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Norfolk
County,—
technology
fund.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022;

Essex,—
wiretaps.

From the District Attorney of Norfolk County (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022; and

Norfolk
County,—
wiretaps.

From the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022;

Northwestern
area,—
wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022;

Cape and Islands,— wiretaps.

Of the Middlesex District Attorney (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022; and

Middlesex,— wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of Worcester County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2022; and

Worcester County,— wiretaps.

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 fourth quarter of the calendar year 2022;

Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

Severally were placed on file.

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. Wong of Saugus (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.