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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4336), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 14.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Rick Grover on the occasion of his retirement from the town of Franklin; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Sergeant Brian Johnson on the occasion of his retirement;

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness adoption (Senate, No. 2612) (on Senate bill No. 2276), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill expanding access to adoption (Senate, No. 2616) (on Senate bill No. 123), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Pledge of allegiance.

General governmental infrastructure.

Rick Grover. Brian Johnson.

Homelessness, identification.

Adoption, records access. Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2618) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2619) of Diane Turco, Executive Director of the Cape Downwinders, for legislation to improve public health and safety standards in communities around aging nuclear power plants and high-level nuclear waste dump sites. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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 petition of Steven S. Howitt relative to protests or demonstrations within 100 yards of the residences of elected officials. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to preserve the practice of including annual payments in lieu of vacation as regular compensation for current retirees and active retirement system members where such benefit existed as of May 2018 (House, No. 2732), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to regular compensation for certain retirees and active retirement system members (House, No. 4338). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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. The bill (House, No. 4338) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill prohibiting license revocation for student loan default (House, No. 3161), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4339). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

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Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Nuclear waste dump sites, regulations.

Elected officials, protests.

Retirees, compensation.

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Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 3922, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4340) [Total Appropriation: \$55,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

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Amending the charter of Wheaton College (see Senate, No. 2592) (which originated in the Senate); and

Granting 4 additional liquor licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in Concord (see House, No. 3712, amended) (which 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.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Westfield to convert a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2566), 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, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver (House, No. 4297), 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,----

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twelve minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.

Supplemental appropriations.

Bills enacted.

Third reading bill.

Id.

Next sitting.