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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



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Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

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.

Pledge of allegiance.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4358), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, January 24.

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.

## *Paper from the Senate.*

A report of the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 262) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to athletic recreation facilities, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Health,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Athletic recreation facilities.

## *Reports of Committees.*

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 expanding access to adoption (Senate, No. 2616); and House bills

Adoption.

Providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for officers and employees of the town other than those employees of the Wilbraham Police Department, Wilbraham Fire Department, and Wilbraham Department of Public Works (House, No. 3997) [Local Approval Received];

Wilbraham,— employees.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Charles H. Bletzer, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4323); and

Charles Bletzer.

Relative to municipal light plant participation in Green Communities (House, No. 4351);

Municipal light plants.

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

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2554), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4359; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Voter opportunities.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith voter opportunities, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.” [Representatives Elugardo of Boston, Smola of Warren, D’Emilia of Bridgewater, Berthiaume of Spencer, Durant of Spencer, McKenna of Webster, Muratore of Plymouth and Whelan of Brewster dissenting]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendments recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then were adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2554, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill further regulating town elections in the town of Wilbraham (see House, No. 3935) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill establishing recall elections in the town of Otis (House, No. 826), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Otis,—  
recall elections.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in section 3, in line 22, by striking out the words “Town Clerk” and inserting in place thereof the words “board of registrars”; and in line 27 by striking out the words “Town Clerk’s”.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 826, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing Nantucket land transfers (House, No. 4104), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Nantucket,—  
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4360), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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.

Next  
sitting.

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At eight minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.