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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resignation of Representative Ehrlich of Marblehead.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Mr. Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I write to inform you that as of midnight, January 31, 2022 I intend to resign as both the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government and as a Member of the House from the 8th Essex District.

Resignation of
Representative
Lori A. Ehrlich
of Marblehead.

After serving 14 years in the House of Representatives I will miss all of the extraordinary people in and around the institution. At the same time I am duly honored to accept an appointment from the Biden Administration to serve my country as FEMA Region 1 Administrator.

Sincerely,



Lori A. Ehrlich, CPA, MPA

Southeast Asian New Year.

During the session, Mr. Wong of Saugus took the Chair and, at the request of Representatives Wong, Chan of Quincy, Schmid of Westport, Mom of Lowell, Nguyen of Andover, Robinson of Framingham, Howard of Lowell and Uysterhoeven of Somerville, the members and employees made special recognition that on Tuesday, February 1st, the new year of the lunar calendar begins. It will be the 4719th year 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. To say happy new

Southeast
Asian New
Year.

year in Chinese it is xīn nián kuài lè, in Vietnamese it is Chúc Mừng Năm Mới, and in Korean it is sae-hae bok man-i ba-deu-se-yo.

The lunar calendar is set in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This coming year is the year of the Tiger, the third animal of the 12-year cycle. Persons born this year live life with vigor, confidence and righteousness. The expectations for the year will be one of developing better healthy habits, increased saving of wealth and strengthening existing friendships.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Roy of Franklin) honoring Priscilla Cornetta for her charitable contributions to the town of Franklin, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Priscilla
Cornetta.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Finn of West Springfield) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Monday, May 2, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 186 and 225.

Children,
Families and
Persons with
Disabilities
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4369) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Transportation be granted until Friday, March 4, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1772, 2265, 2287 and 2289, and House documents numbered 3456, 3551, 3563 and 3706.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4368) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Madaro of Boston and Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4372) of Adrian C. Madaro and Daniel J. Hunt (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Matthew Morris, a retired police officer of the city of Boston;

Boston,—
Matthew
Morris.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4373) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Richard Cintolo, a retired police officer of the city of Boston; and

Boston,—
Richard
Cintolo.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4374) of Adrian C. Madaro (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Boston Retirement Board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Scott O'Brien, a retired police officer of the city of Boston.

Boston,—
Scott
O'Brien.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to authorize a payment from the general fund to Josephine Parella of the city of Medford for certain property taxes.

Josephine
Parella,—
payment.

By Representative Holmes of Boston and Senator Chang-Diaz, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Russell E. Holmes and Sonia Chang-Diaz for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Alecia Simmons, an employee of Office of the Comptroller.

Alecia
Simmons,—
sick leave.

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

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7A be suspended on the petition of Timothy R. Whelan (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Barnstable county retirement board shall permit Jeremiah Z. Valli, a member of the Barnstable county retirement system, to purchase creditable service for military service. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7A was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Barnstable
County,—
Jeremiah
Valli.

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 Jacob R. Oliveira and others that a portion of U.S. Route 20 between the city of Boston and the town of Hancock be designated as the Medal of Honor highway. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Medal of
Honor
highway.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the recommitted Bill relative to educational collaboratives (House, No. 3200), be scheduled for consideration by the House, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight pending.

Educational
collaboratives.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4350),— then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Supporting safe excavation practices (House, No. 3297);
Relative to the expansion of bicycle lanes (House, No. 3506); and
Protecting motorists and emergency personnel (House, No. 3519);

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

Excavation.
Bicycle lanes.
Breakdown lanes.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to indigenous representation on the Martha's Vineyard Commission (House, No. 4021).

Martha's Vineyard Commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the filling of vacancies in the offices of the city council in the city of Springfield (House, No. 4223) [Local Approval Received].

Springfield,— city council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4230) [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill, authorizing the town of Clinton to accept certain streets as public ways (House, No. 4247) [Local Approval Received].

Clinton,— public ways.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Groton (House, No. 4261) [Local Approval Received].

Groton,— charter and town clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hull to make it more gender neutral (House, No. 4286, changed in section 5, in line 13; in section 6, in line 16; in section 7, in line 19; in section 8, in line 22; in section 9, in line 25; and in section 10, in line 28, by striking out the word "if" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word "is") [Local Approval Received].

Hull,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Mashpee Select Board (House, No. 4293) [Local Approval Received].

Mashpee,— select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4299) [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4199, a Bill to amend the charter of the town of Middleborough (House, No. 4370) [Local Approval Received].

Middleborough,— charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4292, a Bill approving the Townsend Special Act Charter (House, No. 4371) [Local Approval Received].

Townsend,— charter.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, ought NOT to pass, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2186) of Marc T. Lombardo and others for legislation to prohibit cities or towns from failing to enforce federal immigration laws by designating themselves as

Sanctuary cities and towns.

sanctuary cities and to withhold unrestricted general government aid to cities and towns for non-compliance. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Plainfield to a select board (see House, No. 3859);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Eastham to make utility improvements on private roads in the town (see House, No. 3986);

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Sharon to a select board (see House, No. 3987); and

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of West Tisbury to the select board (see House, No. 4222);

(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

Relative to the abolishment of the board of police in the city of Fall River (House, No. 2645); and

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to the abolishment of the board of fire commissioners in the city of Fall River (House, No. 2646);

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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Charles H. Bletzer, an employee of the Massachusetts Trial Court (House, No. 4323), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Charles
Bletzer,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4323, 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.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.