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

Pledge of
allegiance.

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 document numbered 259.

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. 4398) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) 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 Economic Development and Emerging Technologies be granted until Friday, February 25, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 260, and House document numbered 4226.

Economic
Development
and Emerging
Technologies
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4402) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Education be granted until Tuesday, March 1, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 664.

Education
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4427) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Dykema of Holliston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted until Monday, February 28, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 548 and 590.

Environment,
Natural Resources
and Agriculture
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4420) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Dykema of Holliston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted until Thursday, March 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 495, 496, 502, 503, 513, 517, 525, 557, 558, 561, 562, 569, 570, 579, 591, 603, 610 and 2623, and House documents numbered 846, 856, 860, 869, 870, 871, 876, 878, 879, 889, 902, 907, 912, 938, 945, 948, 967, 968, 982, 983, 988, 992, 1002, 1007, 3720, 3837 and 4144.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4421) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Ms. Dykema of Holliston) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committee on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be granted until Thursday, May 12, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 511, 533, 574 and 575, and House documents numbered 465, 862, 908, 929 and 981.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4422) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) 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 Higher Education be granted until Monday, April 4, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 822, 824, 829, 832, 839, 842, 843, 846, 847, 848, 851, 852 and 1220, and House documents numbered 41, 1320, 1322, 1325, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1339, 1340, 1346, 1350, 1352, 1357, 1364, 1368 and 1968.

Higher
Education
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4399) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Tuesday, March 1, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 866, 867, 874, 889 and 894, and House documents numbered 1373, 1404, 1415, 1429, 1436, 1440, 1442, 3721, 4148 and 4354.

Housing committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4413) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Wednesday, February 9, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 880, and House document numbered 1411.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4414) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Friday, February 11, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 863.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4415) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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

That notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Housing be granted until Tuesday, February 22, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 869 and 891, and House documents numbered 1381 and 1434.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4416) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Wednesday, February 9, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 1376.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4417) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Tuesday, March 8, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 890, and House documents numbered 1426, 4208 and 4229.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4418) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Monday, May 9, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 868, and House document numbered 1377.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4424) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) 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 Housing be granted until Monday, May 9, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 886, and House document numbered 1378.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4426) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cutler of Pembroke) 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 Labor and Workforce Development be granted until Monday, April 4, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1170, 1171, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1185, 1191, 1197, 1198, 1201, 1202, 1205, 1212, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1224, 1231, 1235, 1236, 1240, 1251 and 1815, and House documents numbered 1935, 1942, 1948, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1974, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1997, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2022, 2026, 2033, 2034, 2037, 2047, 2056, 3843 and 4202.

Labor and Workforce Development committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4397) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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 Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine P. Barber, Mike Connolly and Erika Uyterhoeven (with the approval of the mayor and the city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated safety zones within the said city.

Somerville,—
speed limits.

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sheila C. Harrington for legislation to further regulate the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone.

Devens Regional
Enterprise Zone.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2653) of Paul R. Feeney, James K. Hawkins, Adam J. Scanlon and Rebecca L. Rausch (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt the city of Attleboro from the provisions of chapter 31 of the General Laws as they concern the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Attleboro
police,—
civil service.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of James B. Eldridge and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to promote drinking water quality for all, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture

Drinking
water.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2667) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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 Clinton Graham relative to police transparency. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Police
transparency.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul W. Mark relative to solar distribution. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Solar
distribution.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to designate a certain bridge on Great Road in the town of Bedford as the Major Barry Allan Seidman, USAF memorial bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Major Barry
Allan
Seidman,—
bridge.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 493) of Richard M. Haggerty, Christopher Hendricks and Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to further regulate

Virtual
notarization.

virtual notarization,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 604) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish tracking and reporting requirements for Massachusetts transportation fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions;

Gas emissions.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 607) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to 2030 and 2040 emissions benchmarks; and

Emissions benchmarks.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 944) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to direct the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to formulate a plan to increase small business participation in energy savings services and programs;

Energy services and programs.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 852) of John Barrett, III and others for legislation to establish idling time limits for trains,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation.

Trains,— idling.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett, for the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3570) of Edward R. Philips and others relative to penalties for driving on a non-administrative license suspension,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

License suspensions,— penalties.

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

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

Relative to the Mashpee select board (House, No. 4293) [Local Approval Received]; and

Mashpee,— select board.

Approving the Townsend special act charter (House, No. 4371) [Local Approval Received];

Townsend,— charter.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 749 and House, No. 1246, a Bill protecting the homes of seniors and disabled people on MassHealth (House, No. 1246) [Cost: More than \$100,000.00].

Seniors and disabled,— homes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 773 and House, No. 1274, a Bill to preserve special needs trusts for disabled seniors (House, No. 1274) [Cost: More than \$100,000.00].

Disabled seniors,— special needs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 793 and House, No. 1318, a Bill to update Medicaid resource limits for seniors (House, No. 1318) [Cost: More than \$100,000.00].

Seniors,— Medicaid limits.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the city of Northampton

Northampton license

from appointments to the Northampton License Commission on the basis of party affiliation (House, No. 4284) [Local Approval Received].

commission.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Heather Worster, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4241).

Heather
Worster,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Coleman, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4318).

John
Coleman,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patrick Laughlin, an employee of the Department of Transportation [sic] (House, No. 4341).

Patrick
Laughlin,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the city of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement (House, No. 3900), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Northampton,—
easement.

The House Bill 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), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

Engrossed Bill.

Mr. Cusack of Braintree being in the Chair,—

The engrossed Bill allowing humane transportation of K9 partners aka Nero's law (see Senate, No. 2573, amended) (which originated in the Senate), 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Cusack of Braintree being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.