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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representatives Jones of North Reading and Howitt of Seekonk the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Joyce M. (Cohen) Schreiber Tesler, of Warwick, Rhode Island, who passed away at the age of 91 on February 21, 2022.

Joyce
Schreiber
Tesler.

Joyce graduated from Classical High School in 1947 and attended Pembroke College (Brown University), earning a BA in sociology in 1951. She began her career as a social worker but later devoted her time entirely to raising her four children. As her children grew older, she returned to the workforce and became a successful real estate agent. She was an active congregant of Temple Sinai for over fifty years, and could often be found at a card table enjoying weekly canasta, mahjong or bridge games, achieving life master status, the highest rank in the country.

Joyce was the beloved wife of the late Ira L. Schreiber and the late Marvin J. Tesler; the daughter of the late Max A. and Ethel J. (Blackman) Cohen; and the devoted mother of four children: Jill Ann Schreiber of Hamden, Connecticut; Bruce J. Schreiber of Bradenton, Florida; Kenneth A. Schreiber and his wife Anne of Cranston, Rhode Island; and Judith L. Schreiber Rowland and her husband Ray of Acton, Massachusetts. She was the sister of the late Donald A. Cohen; sister-in-law of the late Lois Cohen; mother-in-law of the late Nilda Schreiber and niece of the late Ida Blackman. She is also survived by two stepchildren: Dr. Peter Tesler and his wife Deborah, and Pamela Tesler Howitt and her husband, State Representative Steven Howitt. She was also the loving grandmother of Max, Abby and Haley Schreiber, Julia and Jack Rowland, Jennifer Harper, Jake, Lucas and Zachary Tesler and three great-grandchildren: Hannah, Hayden and Hallie Harper.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Miss Gregoire of Marlborough) 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 Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets be granted until Friday, May 13, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4336.

Bonding,
Capital
Expenditures
and State

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4487) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Assets committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) 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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Monday, May 2, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 944 and 4449.

Telecommunica-
tions, Utilities
and Energy
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4488) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, 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. Blais of Sunderland (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin Tobin for legislation to create a code of ethics for educators.

Educators,—
ethics.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin Tobin relative to multiple relationships in approved private special education schools.

Special
education,—
relationships.

By the same member (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Benjamin Tobin relative to transparency and accountability for out of district special education placements.

Special
education,—
placements.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to the Steamship Authority audit reports.

Steamship
Authority,—
audit reports.

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

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2717) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to hospital grade breast pumps. To the committee on Financial Services.

Hospital grade
breast pumps.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2718) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish the annual observance of September 11th Remembrance Day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

September
11th,—
remembrance.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2716) of Cynthia Stone Creem and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to support municipal light plants. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Municipal
light plants.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Anne M. Gobi (by vote of the town) relative to the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

West
Brookfield,—
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Adrian C. Madaro for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Maria A. Conti, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

Maria Conti,—
sick leave.

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

Senate bills

Renaming the board of selectmen in the town of Hingham to the select board (Senate, No. 2588) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hingham,—
select board.

Renaming the board of selectmen in the town of Cohasset to the select board and making certain other related gender-neutral changes (Senate, No. 2706) [Local Approval Received]; and

Cohasset,—
select board.

House bills

To protect the privacy of 911 callers (House, No. 1513);

911 callers.

To allow the town of Hingham to postpone its municipal election (House, No. 4343) [Local Approval Received];

Hingham,—
election.

Establishing a voting precinct in the town of Hingham (House, No. 4344) [Local Approval Received]; and

Hingham,—
voting.

Relative to polling places in the city known as the town of Braintree (House, No. 4353) [Local Approval Received];

Braintree,—
polling places.

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, No. 419 and House, No. 748, a Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No. 4471).

Home care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 404 and House, Nos. 726 and 756, a Bill to strengthen emergency preparedness for home care workers (House, No. 4472).

Home care
workers.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 3588). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Historic
roadways.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 31 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to motor vehicles and aircraft (House, No. 31).

Motor vehicles
and aircraft.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to licensed funeral home vehicles (House, No. 3392).	Funeral home vehicles.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing improved access to taxicabs for persons with disabilities (House, No. 3398).	Taxicabs,— accessibility.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain truck transportation practices (House, No. 3410).	Commercial vehicles.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to municipal relief from Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund reporting requirements (House, No. 3412).	Municipalities,— fund reporting.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a motorcycle safety fund (House, No. 3417).	Motorcycle safety fund.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to electric vehicles in high occupancy lanes (House, No. 3431).	Electric vehicles.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to beneficiary designation on motor vehicle registration (House, No. 3449).	Motor vehicle registrations.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an auction or online transfer for low number registration plates in the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 3458).	Low number plates.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low digit number plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 3460).	Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motorcycle safety (House, No. 3487).	Motorcycle safety.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to alternative fuel vehicle charging stations (House, No. 3502).	Vehicle charging.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to congestion relief in East Boston (House, No. 3527).	Harbor tunnels.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to congestion relief in East Boston (House, No. 3528).	Tunnel traffic.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3549 and House, No. 3577, a Bill to reduce traffic fatalities (House, No. 3549).	Traffic fatalities.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to preserve historic markers (House, No. 3590).	Historic markers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Route 90 (House, No. 3591).	Turnpike,— interchange.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to automobile technology (House, No. 3593).	Automobile technology.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a license plate replacement program (House, No. 3596).	License plates.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to duplicate license plates (House, No. 3600).	Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to carriers of property by motor vehicle (House, No. 3606).	Motor vehicle carriers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote commercial driver safety (House, No. 3613).	Commercial drivers.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize Massachusetts fallen firefighter memorial motorcycle license plates (House, No. 3616).	Motorcycle plates,— memorial.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Massachusetts Civil Air Patrol vehicles and trailers (House, No. 3622).	Civil Air Patrol.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a red shield/blue shield license plate to survivors of firefighters and police officers who have died in the line of duty (House, No. 3630).

Survivors,—
license plates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for motor vehicles transfer on death (House, No. 3889).

Motor vehicle
transfers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3436, 3440, 3491 and 3607, a Bill concerning the safety of school children embarking and disembarking school buses (House, No. 4478).

School buses,—
safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3450, a Bill relative to increasing operational safety for keyless ignition technology in motor vehicles (House, No. 4480).

Keyless
ignitions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3526, a Bill relative to low income transit fares (House, No. 4481).

Transit fares,—
low income.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3455 and House, No. 3496, a Bill designating historic routes (House, No. 3496).

Historic routes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3512).

Marshfield,—
Route 3
designation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enhancement of child safety (House, No. 3623).

Child safety.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the penalties for passing a stopped school bus (House, No. 3631).

School buses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Duxbury as the Lewis Sisters Bridge (House, No. 4332).

Duxbury,—
Lewis Sisters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Duxbury as the Cora Wilburn Bridge (House, No. 4333).

Duxbury,—
Cora Wilburn.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Duxbury as the George W. W. Scott Bridge (House, No. 4334).

Duxbury,—
George W. W.
Scott bridge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain intersection in the town of Duxbury as the Charlotte Bradford Memorial Square (House, No. 4335).

Duxbury,—
Charlotte
Bradford.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alecia Simmons, an employee of the Office of the Comptroller (see Senate, No. 2654), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Alecia
Simmons,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Groton (see House, No. 3909) (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 a sick leave bank for Patrick Laughlin, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 4341) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee 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.

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 eighteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (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.