JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o’clock A.M., pursuant to emergency rules, 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.

Changes in Joint and House Standing Committees.

The Speaker announced appointments and changes in joint and House standing committees, as follows:

That Ms. Kerans of Danvers had been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, and that Mr. Turco of Winthrop had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Ms. Belsito of Topsfield had been appointed to the ninth position on the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management to fill an existing vacancy;

That Mr. Diggs of Barnstable had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Education, and that Ms. Belsito of Topsfield had been appointed to the seventh position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Mr. Cassidy of Brockton had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Revenue, and that Mr. Turco of Winthrop had been appointed to the fourth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

That Ms. Duffy of Holyoke had been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on Global Warming and Climate Change, and that Ms. Belsito of Topsfield had been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Ms. Kilcoyne of Clinton had been relieved of duty (at her own request) from the committee on Operations, Facilities and Security, and that Ms. Belsito of Topsfield had been appointed to the eighth position on said committee to fill the vacancy;

That Mr. Madaro of Boston had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, and that Mr. Turco of Winthrop had been appointed to the sixth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

That Mr. O’Day of West Boylston had been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, and that Mr. Turco of Winthrop had been appointed to the ninth position on said committee to fill the vacancy.

Distinguished Guest of the House.
During the session, the Speaker took the Chair, declared a brief recess and introduced Norma Foley TD, Minister for Education, Government of Ireland, to greet the Members and deliver remarks. Ms. Foley then addressed the House and departed, under escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Driscoll of Milton) 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 Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management be granted until Friday, April 15, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 253, and House documents numbered 480 and 496.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4537) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. 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 Speaker Mariano of Quincy, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House) urging the federal government and the Baker administration to provide expedited consideration for Ukrainian refugees seeking to enter the United States;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Biele of Boston) supporting the commissioning of the United States Ship Massachusetts (SSN 798);

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) congratulating Dr. Norma Finkelstein on her retirement from the Institute of Health and Recovery; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) congratulating Marion Ann Sullivan on the occasion of her one-hundredth birthday;

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

Petitions.

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanying bill, House, No. 4559) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Shutesbury be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler and Miles Prescott for legislation to designate a certain bridge on Schoosett

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Street in the town of Pembroke as the Judith Winsor Smith memorial bridge.

By Ms. Tyler of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Chynah Tyler for legislation to authorize the State Board of Retirement to grant Bernard Wheeler, an employee of the Boston Municipal Court, an additional retirement benefit of four years of creditable service.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Election Laws be granted until April 15, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 470, 471 and 475 and House documents numbered 769, 772, 773, 774, 778, 800 and 4070 relative to campaign finance.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the order (Senate, No. 2645, amended) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government be granted until April 29, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2684 and 2685 and House documents numbered 4321, 4322 and 4316 relative to certain local matters.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the order (Senate, No. 2689, amended) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition of Julian Cyr for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Elizabeth Benard, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2790) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the joint petition of Tommy Vitolo, Cynthia Stone Creem and Nika C. Elugardo (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Brookline to impose a real estate transfer fee. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.
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 Brian M. Ashe and others for legislation to establish an elected and appointed board for the Hampden County Regional Retirement System. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill providing educational stability for vulnerable children (House, No. 222).

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 923, a Bill relative to emergency water management plans (House, No. 4536).

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill related to educational courses in wine tasting at a qualified institution of higher education (House, No. 1324).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving access to affordable higher education (House, No. 1328).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize state universities to offer clinical and professional doctorate programs (House, No. 1355).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to facilitate additional financial student assistance (House, No. 1367).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-income housing eligibility for disabled veterans (House, No. 1382).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enabling public housing authorities to borrow against real estate equity of publicly-owned properties (House, No. 1396).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to [sic] provide tenant ownership in government assisted housing (House, No. 1401) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to starter homes (House, No. 1409).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill restoring the Commonwealth’s public housing (House, No. 1417).

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 1252 and House, No. 1951, a Bill to provide economic security for fishing industry participants (House, No. 1951).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the prevailing wage law (House, No. 1988).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the employment benefits of Civil Air Patrol and Coast Guard Auxiliary members (House, No. 1995).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the promotion of the WorkShare program (House, No. 2003).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill ensuring domestic violence victims’ protections for all employees in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2023).
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1189 and House, No. 2046, a Bill relative to compliance with the prevailing wage laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2046).

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, No. 30 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to explosive bonds (House, No. 30).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency hazard health duty (House, No. 2414).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to jet ski safety (House, No. 2415).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a prepaid wireless E911 surcharge (House, No. 2422).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to require seat belts on school buses (House, No. 2425).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning the Massachusetts probation service (House, No. 2431).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety in hoisting regulations (House, No. 2432).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to crime gun data reporting and analysis (House, No. 2437).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to safe building materials (House, No. 2449).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to American Sign Language training (House, No. 2451).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hoisting machinery licensure requirements for recreational boating organizations, municipalities, and commercial fishing vessels (House, No. 2457).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency planning (House, No. 2459).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to successful transition and re-entry to tomorrow for incarcerated persons (House, No. 2460).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for a study relative to the necessity of certain snow safety procedures (House, No. 2464).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a window falls prevention program within the Department of Public Health and mandate window guards in residential homes AKA “Zella Ray’s Law” (House, No. 2467).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring critical incident debriefing plans in law enforcement (House, No. 2471).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to ensure pay parity for county sheriffs’ correction officers and jail officers (House, No. 2474).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to hoisting license renewal (House, No. 2477).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to multi-year licensing (House, No. 2483).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an institute within the Department of Public Health (House, No. 2490).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing
a board of hoisting machinery regulations (House, No. 2495).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Franklin County Sheriff’s opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund (House, No. 2496).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission to review substance use in correctional facilities (House, No. 2509).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the requirement of explosive gas sensor devices (House, No. 2516).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to missing persons (House, No. 2524).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to implementing a blue alert system in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2525).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to police training in appropriate interactions with persons on the autism spectrum and other intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 2531).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts law enforcement memorial fund (House, No. 2538).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill requiring human trafficking recognition training for certain hospitality workers (House, No. 2540).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to emergency response in an active shooter or hostile event situation (House, No. 2544).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the well-being of law enforcement officers after involvement in a critical incident (House, No. 3845).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, Nos. 1663, 1755 and 1767 and House, Nos. 2644, 2650 and 2770, a Bill relative to disability or death caused by contagious diseases; presumption [sic] (House, No. 2650).

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical and dental expense deductions (House, No. 2909).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill addressing COVID-19 impacts on film production in the Commonwealth (House, No. 2910).

By Mr. McMurty of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to providing veterans survivor benefits (House, No. 3654).

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

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Honorable George V. Kenneally, Jr. (House, No. 1342).

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill to establish a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (House, No. 3891) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4058) [Local Approval Received].
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4059) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill protecting wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card (House, No. 1941).

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire protection (House, No. 2416).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings (House, No. 2417).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local law enforcement continuity between the city of Boston and the town of Dedham (House, No. 2427).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2429).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to increasing hotel and motel safety (House, No. 2452).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment (House, No. 2475).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to medical services (House, No. 2482).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring live fire practice for a firefighters license (House, No. 2486).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to local law enforcement continuity (House, No. 2502).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firearms in certain public buildings (House, No. 2505).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing child safety (House, No. 2507).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to swimming pool alarms (House, No. 2511).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fire safety (House, No. 2517).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to criminal manufacture and possession of certain weapons (House, No. 2527).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to furthering the success of opiate intervention programs (House, No. 2529).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to silencers (House, No. 2530).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to overdose fatalities (House, No. 2539).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the availability of personal floatation devices at certain municipal and recreational programs and camps (House, No. 2546).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to universal background checks for private gun sales (House, No. 3729).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate No. 1717 and House, No. 2651, a Bill relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (House, No. 2651).
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anastasios Milonopoulos, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (House, No. 4582).

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

Recess.

At twenty-seven minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o’clock P.M.; and at seven minutes after one o’clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Quorum.

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 153 members were recorded as being in attendance.

[See Yea and Nay No. 156 in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess,— Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill prohibiting discrimination based on natural hairstyles (House, No. 1907), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill prohibiting discrimination based on natural and protective hairstyles (House, No. 4554). 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 Mr. Ultrino of Malden, 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, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ultrino of Malden (the Speaker having taken the Chair), the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 155 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 157 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4554) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess,— Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Bill relative to the creation of a women’s rights history trail (House, No. 3379), ought to pass with an amendment substituting
therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4555). 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 Mr. Ultrino of Malden, 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, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.  
[See Yea and Nay No. 158 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4555) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Sudbury to transfer a certain parcel of land (see House, No. 4108) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 159 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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.

Mr. Jones of North Reading then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twelve minutes before three o’clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.