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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Khan of Newton and Balser of Newton) recognizing Nancy Schön on the lifelong contributions she has made to the city of Newton and the Commonwealth through her art, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Nancy
Schön.

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

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see sections 1B and 1J of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting requests for comment on proposed amendments to 603 CMR 2.00, Regulations on Accountability and Assistance for School Districts and Schools [a copy of said communication was forwarded to the committee on Education, as required by said law], was placed on file.

School
districts, —
accountability.

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 4499.

Bonding,
Capital
Expenditures
and State
Assets
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4628) 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. Straus of Mattapoisett) 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, May 6, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2345 and 2733.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4629) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Transportation committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4631) of Josh S. Cutler (by vote of the town) relative to a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson; and

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4632) of Michael S. Day (by vote of the town) that the town of Winchester be authorized to establish a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in said town;

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hanson,—
conservation restriction.

Winchester,—
building permit surcharge.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John Barrett, III that a certain bridge spanning the Hoosic River on state Route 2 in the town of North Adams be designated as the William F. Evans memorial bridge.

By Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven G. Xiarhos (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Thomas Harmon be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board.

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

North Adams,—
Evans bridge.

Thomas Harmon,—
retirement.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Mansfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2591) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Shana Hicks, an employee of the Department of Public Health (Senate, No. 2792) (on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mansfield,—
liquor licenses.

Shana Hicks,—
sick leave.

A report of the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2791) of Susan L. Moran, Julian Cyr, Patrick M. O'Connor, Timothy R. Whelan and others for legislation relative to preventing the discharge of radioactive materials, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Radioactive materials,—
discharge.

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 petition of Jack Patrick Lewis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the creation of a right-turn lane from Edgell Road to Central Street in the city of Framingham by using certain land subject to Article 97 of the Constitution. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Framingham,—
land.

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 appointment of retired police officers in the town of Canton (House, No. 3971) [Local Approval Received];

Canton,—
retired police.

To give the town of Leicester authority to grant full annual property tax exemptions to the surviving spouse of Rutland Police Detective and Leicester resident John D. Songy (House, No. 3989) [Local Approval Received];

Leicester,—
property tax
exemption.

Authorizing the town of Oakham to continue the employment of fire lieutenant Russel Willette (House, No. 4497) [Local Approval Received]; and

Russel
Willette.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Maria A. Conti, an employee of the Department of Transportation (House, No. 4523);

Maria Conti,—
sick leave.

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

By Ms. Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (printed in House, No. 4358), ought to pass [Bond Issue: \$200,000,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 922 and 4143, a Bill relative to the pesticide board (House, No. 4601).

Pesticide
board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 573 and House, No. 956, a Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 4603).

Pollinator
habitat.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a commission to study veterans' transportation issues (House, No. 3684).

Veterans'
transportation,—
study.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 620 and House, No. 873, a Bill establishing a fisheries conservation gear grant program (House, No. 4594).

Fisheries
conservation
gear.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 563 and House, No. 999, a Bill responding to the threat of invasive species (House, No. 4595).

Invasive
species.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 515 and House, Nos. 3835 and 4102, a Bill to overcome coastal and environmental acidification and nutrient pollution (House, No. 4596).	Ocean acidification.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1018, a Bill establishing a commission to study dredging needs for recreational boating in Commonwealth waterways (House, No. 4597).	Waterways,— dredging.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1017, a Bill relative to a cranberry water use transfer program (House, No. 4599).	Cranberry program.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3991, a Bill relative to pesticides (House, No. 4600).	Pesticides.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 932, a Bill relative to the closure of the Saugus ash landfill (House, No. 4602).	Saugus,— landfill.
By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to 100% disabled veteran recreation (House, No. 3636).	Veterans,— hunting and fishing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to life insurance for members of the Massachusetts National Guard (House, No. 3638).	National Guard.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill supporting Massachusetts Guard and Reserve and their families (House, No. 3641).	Veteran,— definition.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to aid military service members in finding civilian employment (House, No. 3642).	Civilian employment.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the annuity for gold star families (House, No. 3644).	Gold star families.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a Massachusetts Cold War victory medal (House, No. 3649).	Cold War medal.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans benefits (House, No. 3656).	Veterans,— housing, etc.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to continue the Citizens Commission concerning a Constitutional Amendment to secure government of the people (House, No. 3657) [Senator Fattman dissenting].	United States Constitution,— commission.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to housing for veterans (House, No. 3661).	Veterans,— housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans and public housing rent (House, No. 3662).	Id.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans with post-traumatic stress (House, No. 3663).	Veterans,— pre-trial diversion.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to treating veterans under the pension laws (House, No. 3666).	Justices,— benefits.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to annuities for widows and surviving relatives of veterans (House, No. 3669).	Veterans— widows, etc.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to waiving education requirements for skilled veterans to be LPNs (House, No. 3675).	Veterans,— nursing school.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursement for annual training for armed forces members (House, No. 3676).	Armed forces,— reimbursements.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to COLA adjustments for veteran benefits (House, No. 3677).	Veterans,— cost-of-living.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public employee benefits for military service members on active duty (House, No. 3678).	Military,— employee benefits.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursement to armed service members (House, No. 3679).	Active duty,— benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to treating veterans under the pension laws (House, No. 3685).

Veterans,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to retirement benefits for veterans (House, No. 3686).

Veterans,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to headstones for long-serving or perished members of the Massachusetts National Guard (House, No. 3687).

National
Guard,—
headstones.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for prisoners of war (House, No. 3689).

POWs,—
income taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to EMT certification of veterans and military medics (House, No. 3690).

Military
medics.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the education of the veterans of Massachusetts (House, No. 3693).

Veterans,—
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the military family advocacy program, domestic violence and child abuse and neglect (House, No. 3694).

Military
families,—
abuse, etc.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran's benefits for surviving spouses (House, No. 3695).

Veterans,—
survivors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to eligibility of non-Massachusetts origin veterans for state veteran bonus awards (House, No. 4185).

Veterans'
bonus,—
eligibility.

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

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 1009, a Bill relative to failed septic systems (House, No. 4598).

Septic
systems.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to honoring the founding of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the National Guard (House, No. 3645).

U.S. military
founding.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in support of veterans and dependents through municipal tax bills (House, No. 3646).

Veteran,—
local taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assisting veterans in need (House, No. 3652).

Veteran
assistance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to half-staff notifications (House, No. 3653).

Half-staff
flags.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve relative to recognition for the Naval Armed Guard Service (House, No. 3659).

Naval Armed
Guard Service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing veterans' service officers as mandated reporters (House, No. 3665).

Mandated
reporters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran inclusion (House, No. 3673).

Veteran
preference.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to parking at certain airports for disabled veterans (House, No. 3681).

Veterans,—
airport lots.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing access to medical care for veterans (House, No. 3683).

Veterans,—
medical care.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to a volunteer veteran corps mentoring program (House, No. 3692).

Veterans,—
mentoring
corps.

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

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions urging the Congress of the United States to update the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 and remove excessive training requirements mandated for obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine (House, No. 3637).

Congress,—
Drug Addiction
Treatment Act.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3639).

Quincy,—
patriotic city.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions for a United States constitutional amendment and a limited amendment proposing convention (House, No. 3658) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

U.S.
Constitutional
convention.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, Resolutions calling on Article V of the United States Constitution for the convening of a convention of the states (House, No. 3660).

Id.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Hudson (see House, No. 4126, amended), 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.

Hudson,—
land.

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 4 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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the position of town clerk in the town of Groton from an elected position to an appointed position (see House, No. 4580) (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 authorizing municipal use of the prudent investor standards (House, No. 2199), 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.

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.

At thirteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.