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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating William M. Fernandes on receiving the Eagle Scout award from the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

William
Fernandes.

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

Order.

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, June 24, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2340, and House document numbered 3403.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4689) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (see Section 6 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting its Supplier Diversity Office Comprehensive Annual Report for fiscal year 2021;

Supplier
diversity.

From the Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 10 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting its annual report of the office's accomplishments and activities for fiscal year 2021;

Child
advocate.

From the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center (see Section 45B of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting the Acorn Innovation Fund Report for fiscal years 2021 and 2022;

Acorn
Innovation
Fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report summarizing the birth data and statistics for calendar year 2019;

Birth data
and statistics.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report summarizing the birth data and statistics for calendar year 2018;

Id.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report summarizing mortality data and statistics for calendar year 2019; and

Mortality data
and statistics.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report summarizing mortality data and statistics for calendar year 2018;

Id.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Mrs. Campbell of Methuen presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4690) of Linda Dean Campbell and Frank A. Moran (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the composition of the legislative branch of government of the city of Methuen; and the same was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Methuen,—
charter.

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford relative to merging the Shelburne Housing Authority with and into the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority and restructuring the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority members; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Franklin
County
Regional
Housing.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail (House, No. 4555), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2802. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Women's
rights history
trail.

A Bill relative to equity in the cannabis industry (Senate, No. 2823) (on Senate bill No. 2801), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Cannabis,—
equity.

Bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kim Souza, an employee of the Bristol Superior Court Probation Department in the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 2702) (on a petition);

Kim Souza,—
sick leave.

Amending the charter of the town of Sutton (Senate, No. 2799) (on Senate bill No. 2482) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sutton,—
charter.

Authorizing the town of Southbridge to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2818) (on Senate bill No. 2509) [Local Approval Received];

Southbridge,—
liquor
licenses.

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.

Reports of Committees.

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 primary insurance (House, No. 1189);

Insurance.
Holly Thyng,—
retirement.

Authorizing Holly Thyng to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3968);

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

Report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill to add a compulsory death benefit to automobile liability insurance (House, No. 1169), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Automobile
insurance,—
death benefits.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the Bill to address inequality, promote opportunity and end poverty (House, No. 294); and

Poverty,—
commission.

Of the Resolve to establish a special commission on employing mental health professionals as law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2445);

Law
enforcement,—
mental health
professionals.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the following matters ought to pass:

Bills

Relative to the conservation of Atlantic striped bass (House, No. 1014); and

Striped bass.
PTSD,—
police, etc.

Establishing a commission to study post-traumatic stress disorder in law enforcement officers (House, No. 2456); and

Resolves

Establishing an enhanced public school safety commission (House, No. 2413); and

School safety.

Relative to police career pay incentives (House, No. 2548);

Police pay.

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

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, on Senate, No. 252 and House, Nos. 499 and 500, a

COVID-19
response.

Bill establishing a commission to study the Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 pandemic (House, No. 4670).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 251 and House, No. 501, a Bill establishing the Coronavirus Recovery Corps (House, No. 4671).

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 597 and 669, a Bill relative to the reimbursement of school-based care (House, No. 4645).

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on Senate, No. 1519 and House, No. 2341, a Bill relative to out-of-hospital birth access and safety (House, No. 4640).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1516 and House, No. 2353, a Bill prohibiting the sale of dextromethorphan to minors (House, No. 4641).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2366, a Bill relative to the bulk purchase of epinephrine auto-injectors (House, No. 4642).

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 614, a Bill implementing an elementary and secondary interdisciplinary climate education curriculum in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4643).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 693, a Bill relative to college in high schools (House, No. 4644).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 664 and 4138, a Bill requiring accountability for inequities in suspension and expulsion – the RAISE ACT (House, No. 4646).

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate Nos. 1177, 1179, 1240, 1251 and House Nos. 1948 and 1959, a Bill to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement (House, No. 4681).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a recommitted petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management to convey certain property in the city of Malden to the city of Malden (House, No. 4366).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4520, a Bill authorizing the conveyance of certain state property to the town of Salisbury (House, No. 4673).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3579, a Bill transitioning Massachusetts to electric buses (House, No. 4674).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3457, a Bill relative to electric bicycles (House, No. 4676).

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 Senate, No. 2488 and House, No. 3933, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4663) [Local Approval Received].

Coronavirus recovery corps.

School-based care,— reimbursement.

Out-of-hospital birth.

Tussin cough medicine.

Epinephrine.

Climate education.

High schools,— college.

Expulsions etc.,— inequities.

Wage theft.

Malden,— land.

Salisbury,— land.

Electric buses.

Electric bicycles.

Milford,— liquor license.

<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4086, a Bill authorizing the town of Plainville to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4664) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Plainville,— liquor license.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4131, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises of Peter's Bella Pizza at 84 Highland Avenue (House, No. 4665) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Salem,— liquor license.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4196, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4666) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Westford,— liquor license.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4235, a Bill authorizing the licensing authority of the town of Hull to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4667) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Hull,— liquor licenses.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4267, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 4668) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Milford,— liquor license.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4246, a Bill authorizing the town of Clinton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4669) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Clinton,— liquor license.</p>
<p>By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to voting precinct 3 of ward 4 in the city of Peabody (House, No. 4528) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Peabody,— voting precincts.</p>
<p>By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the authority of the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the town of Oak Bluffs to exchange parcels of land (House, No. 4321) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>Oak Bluffs,— land.</p>
<p>By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield (House, No. 4519) [Local Approval Received].</p>	<p>West Brookfield,— land.</p>
<p>By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 4527, a Bill relative to the Steamship Authority audit report (House, No. 4675).</p>	<p>Steamship Authority,— audit reports.</p>
<p>Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.</p>	
<p>By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 4224, Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 remembrance day (House, No. 4672). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.</p>	<p>COVID-19 remembrance day.</p>

Engrossed Bills.

<p>Engrossed bills Exempting the city of Northampton from appointments to the Northampton License Commission on the basis of party affiliation (see House, No. 4284); and Regulating polling places in the city known as the town of Braintree (see House, No. 4353); (Which severally originated in the House);</p>	<p>Bills enacted.</p>
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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.

The Senate amendments of the House Bill authorizing the conservation commission of the town of Westford to transfer certain easements to the select board of the town of Westford (House, No. 4432), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Westford,—
easements.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anastasios Milonopoulos, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4582) (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.

The House Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4205), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Boston,—
affordable
housing.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. Construction and development activity related to redevelopment by the Boston Housing Authority of the federally-funded Mildred Hailey public housing project, or any part thereof, shall not be subject to any general or special law related to the procurement and award of contracts for the planning, design, construction management, construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, maintenance or repair of buildings or public works by a public agency, but shall be subject to sections 26 to 27H, inclusive, of chapter 149 of the General Laws. A conveyance of the project, whether by leasehold or fee estate, to an urban redevelopment corporation organized pursuant to chapter 121A of the General Laws or to a nonprofit state and federally tax-exempt corporation organized for the purpose of revitalizing the project, shall be subject to chapter 30B of the General Laws to the extent that the project is conveyed to an entity that is not owned, controlled or managed by the Boston Housing Authority on the date of the conveyance.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4205, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

At ten 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 five minutes before twelve o'clock noon; and at twelve o'clock noon the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

*Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific
Amendments to the Constitution.*

At two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

Joint convention.

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable Nick Collins.

The Chair (Mr. Collins), the members, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, at four minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the joint session was recessed until twelve o'clock noon, on Monday, November 21, 2022; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At six minutes after twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

House
reconvened.

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 seven minutes after twelve o'clock noon, 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.