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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Driscoll of Milton, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of longtime Randolph resident and Town Councilor Kenrick W. Clifton, who passed away unexpectedly on April 21, 2022 at the age of 61. Councilor Clifton, formerly of St. Kitts and Nevis in the Caribbean, was a dedicated and active public servant in Randolph. Professionally, he worked for the MBTA for over 25 years, most recently as the Assistant Director of the Office of Civil Rights. He also served his community in elected capacities; he was a former two-term Randolph School Committee member and in 2009 he was elected as a member of Randolph's original Town Council. He served seven consecutive Council terms and was a fierce advocate for his constituents.

Kenrick
Clifton.

Councilor Clifton's passing is a great loss to Randolph and the Commonwealth, and he will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife Karen and their two sons Brandon and Kyle.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns (House, No. 4720), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Downtowns,—
revitalization.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resignation of Representative Golden of Lowell.

The following communication (received in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, April 28, 2022) was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

April 27, 2022.

The Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk, House of Representatives

The Massachusetts State House
Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

It has been truly an honor to serve as State Representative for the 16th Middlesex District. Over the past 28 years it has been a privilege to assist my constituents in my district from the wonderful city of Lowell and the town of Chelmsford. Sometimes it is the smallest things we do that make an impact in the lives of our constituents.

I will be resigning as State Representative of the 16th Middlesex District, effective at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Resignation of
Representative
Thomas A.
Golden, Jr.
of Lowell.

Sincerely yours,
THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR.
6th Middlesex District.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Drew Abrutyn on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Ethan Henry on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Margaret Mary Simpson 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. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Drew
Abrutyn.

Ethan
Henry.

Margaret
Mary
Simpson.

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 Friday, June 10, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 103, 134 and 139, and House documents numbered 225, 228, 234, 236 and 259.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4728) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Children,
Families and
Persons with
Disabilities
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 1234.

Financial Services committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4731) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Tuesday, May 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 1101.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4732) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Tuesday, May 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 1052.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4734) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) 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 Financial Services be granted until Tuesday, May 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 1223.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4735) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) 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 Health Care Financing be granted until Wednesday, June 1, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 89, and House document numbered 268.

Health Care Financing committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4737) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Thursday, June 2, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 602, 944, 2145, 2167, 3254, 3255, 3257, 3260, 3261, 3262, 3264, 3265, 3267, 3268, 3269, 3271, 3273, 3274, 3275, 3276, 3277, 3279, 3283, 3284, 3285, 3287, 3288, 3289, 3292, 3293, 3296, 3298, 3300, 3304, 3306, 3309, 3312, 3317, 3318, 3319, 3320, 3331, 3332, 3333, 3334, 3335, 3336, 3337, 3338, 3339, 3340, 3341, 3342, 3343, 3344, 3345, 3346, 3347, 3349, 3350, 3352, 3353, 3360, 3361, 3362, 3365, 3366, 3367, 3750, 3805, 3887, 3888, 3893, 4044, 4067, 4081, 4082, 4117, 4307, 4331, 4449 and 4705.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4733) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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, June 3, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2253, 2255, 2292 and 2295, and House documents numbered 3523, 3559 and 3706.

Transportation committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4736) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4738) of Timothy R. Whelan, Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a charter for the town of Brewster. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Brewster,—
charter.

By Mr. Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4739) of Danillo A. Sena (by vote of the town) that the town of Harvard be authorized to establish and enforce speed limits on certain public ways in said town. To the committee on Transportation.

Harvard,—
speed limits.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Durant of Spencer presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant for legislation to authorize the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Nelson Burlingame,—
retirement.

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 Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity be granted until July 31, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 51 and House documents numbered 118 and 130 relative to Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the order (Senate, No. 2633, amended), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity committee,—extension of time for reporting.

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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until June 2, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2144, 2148, 2151, 2154, 2156, 2158, 2159, 2174, 2184, 2186, 2191, 2194, 2198, 2202, 2210, 2222, 2224, 2226, 2230, 2236, 2237, 2473, 2515, 2606 and 2840, relative to issues of continued concern to the committee.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, the order (Senate, No. 2647, amended), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy committee,—extension of time for reporting.

A petition of Michael D. Brady and Gerard J. Cassidy (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the city of Brockton, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Housing.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2864) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Housing.

Brockton,—affordable housing.

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:

Providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 3006);
Establishing the Framingham Economic Development Corporation (House, No. 4352) [Local Approval Received];

Designating U.S. Route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor Highway (House, No. 4436);

Amending the charter of the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4534) [Local Approval Received];

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Milford to a select board (House, No. 4556) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the Boston Landmarks Commission (House, No. 4565) [Local Approval Received];

Firefighters.
Framingham,—corporation.
Medal of Honor highway.
Chelsea,—charter.
Milford,—select board.
Boston Landmarks Commission.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Eliminating the requirement for the geriatric authority to make payment to the town of Milford in lieu of taxes (House, No. 3023) [Local Approval Received];

To make permanent a senior means tested property tax exemption in Concord (House, No. 3731) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested senior citizens (House, No. 3734) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing the city of Melrose to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3766) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon, 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, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To support families (House, No. 221, changed) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids (House, No. 226) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve Alzheimer's[sic] and dementia care in senior care options programs (House, No. 739) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to intensive case management for clinically complex older adults (House, No. 740) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to disclosing continuing care retirement community entrance fees (House, No. 746) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve access to emergency contraception (House, No. 2264) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2290) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To update postural screenings in schools (House, No. 2335) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Regarding racism as a public health crisis (House, No. 2400) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters (House, No. 2604) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve access to breastfeeding care (House, No. 3795) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to genetic counselors (House, No. 4238) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Prohibiting non consensual pelvic examinations (House, No. 4270) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to accelerating improvements to the local and regional public health system to address disparities in the delivery of public health services (House, No. 4328) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Milford,—
aged authority.

Concord,—
tax exemption.

Harvard,—
property taxes.

Melrose,—
property taxes.

Infants,—
addiction.

Opioids,—
fetal exposure.

Alzheimer's,
etc..

Older adults.

Retirement
communities.

Emergency
contraception.

Breast
reconstruction.

Postural
screenings.

Public health,—
racism.

Firefighters,—
screenings.

Breastfeeding,—
access.

Genetic
counselors.

Pelvic
examinations.

Local public
health,—
disparities.

Relative to dentistry licensure examinations (House, No. 4464) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Dentistry,—
license exams.

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 a petition, a Bill to permit the creation of a right-turn lane from Edgell Road to Central Street in Framingham (House, No. 4660) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Framingham,—
land.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the election of at large and ward councilors and school committee members in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4636) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
elections.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the amendment of section 2-1(a) and section 7-4 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Methuen (House, No. 4690) [Local Approval Received].

Methuen,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill eliminating a sub-precinct in the town of Medway (printed in House, No. 4708).

Medway,—
sub-precinct.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Hull to make it more gender neutral (see House, No. 4286, changed) (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 providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield (House, No. 4519), having been 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 on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.