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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 Ms. Blais of Sunderland, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in honor of the memory of Christopher Collins, of Turners Falls, who passed away on February 13, 2022.

Christopher
Collins.

He was a beloved member of the community who will be remembered as a fixture in the local news media and as Town Moderator. Chris was a radio personality, news reporter, columnist and community television manager for close to four decades. Throughout his career, Chris was a voice for the voiceless. He believed in the importance of reporting the story fairly and accurately while always respecting other people's viewpoints. He used his platform to make a difference in his community.

Chris met the love of his life, Barb, at the age of fifteen. They were soulmates from the time they sat next to each other in high school science class and enjoyed 19 happy years together. Chris also leaves behind four siblings.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Belsito of Topsfield and O'Day of West Boylston) commending the Blue Dot Project for recognizing May 2 to May 8, 2022 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week;

Maternal
Mental Health
Week.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Donato of Medford and Garballey of Arlington) recognizing May 2022 as Foster Care Awareness Month;

Foster Care
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis of Framingham) commending the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc. for recognizing June 2022 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month;

Myasthenia
Gravis
Month.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Lewis of Framingham, Robinson of Framingham and Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Dr. F. Javier Cevallos on his retirement as President of Framingham State University; and

F. Javier
Cevallos.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Soter of Bellingham) congratulating and recognizing Father Nicholas K. Apostola on his retirement from the St. Nicholas Church after forty-three years of service;

Father
Nicholas
Apostola.

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

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. González of 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Wednesday, May 18, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 2213, 2426, 2430, 2439, 2440, 2447, 2448, 2453, 2470, 2480, 2485, 2489, 2491, 2492, 2494, 2497, 2503, 2504, 2508, 2513, 2515, 2519, 2532, 2535, 2541, 2543, 2545, 3821, 3847, 4037, 4038, 4039, 4080, 4168, 4169 and 4476.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4756) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. González of 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 Public Safety and Homeland Security be granted until Wednesday, June 1, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 2418.

Public Safety and Homeland Security committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4757) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, 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 Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4755) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Upton be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Upton,—senior tax exemption.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4730) of Ruth B. Balser and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated buildings in the city of Newton. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Newton,—electrification.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Kearney of Scituate presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susanne Cleveland, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Susanne Cleveland,—sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill advancing offshore wind and clean energy (House, No. 4524), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2842; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the title: “ An Act driving climate policy forward”.

Offshore
wind.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the amendments were considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Roy, Chan of Quincy and Jones of North Reading were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee
of conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Barrett, Creem and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

The House Bill relative to the design, development, construction and operation of a senior low-income and affordable housing project located at 144 Greenmont Avenue in the town of Dracut (House, No. 3722), 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 2860. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Dracut,—
affordable
housing.

A Bill establishing a parks and recreation commission in the town of Templeton (Senate, No. 2574) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Templeton,—
commission.

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

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2867) of James B. Eldridge and Danillo A. Sena for legislation to enhance diversity in the awarding of liquor licenses. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Liquor
licenses,—
diversity.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2868)) of James B. Eldridge and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation relative to the disclosure of law enforcement disciplinary records. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Law
enforcement,—
discipline.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2869) of James B. Eldridge, Michael O. Moore and Hannah Kane for legislation to provide for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Water
resources.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the joint petition of Lori A. Ehrlich and Brendan P. Crighton that the town of Swampscott be authorized to amend the charter of said town to change the

Swampscott,—
charter.

board of selectmen to a select board. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. 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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Housing.

Franklin
County,—
housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Public Service.

Barnstable
County,—
Thomas
Harmon.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, 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:

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Sutton (Senate, No. 2799) [Local Approval Received]; and

Sutton,—
charter.

House bills

Exempting the Deputy Police Chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 4451) [Local Approval Received];

Wrentham,—
civil service.

Exempting the Police Chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 4452) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

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]; and

Hull,—
liquor
licenses.

Authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of Fire Chief Ronald Radwich (House, No. 4717) [Local Approval Received];

Middlefield,—
Ronald Radwich.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, 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:

Relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings (House, No. 2417); and

Fire
protection.

Authorizing the Berkshire County Retirement System to retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the town of Great Barrington Police Department (House, No. 4621);

Great
Barrington,—
Chad Shimmon.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were 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 establishing a commission to study the offshore wind investment tax credit (House, No. 2924); and

Offshore wind tax credit.

Of the Bill relative to PILOT compensation to towns with a high percentage of state owned land (House, No. 3092);

PILOT compensation.

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

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 129 and House, No. 260, that the Bill relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 260), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

PCA program.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 315 and House, No. 665, that the Bill providing for diabetes management in schools (House, No. 665), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Schools,—diabetes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 686 and House, No. 1089, that the Bill promoting continuity of care for Multiple Sclerosis treatment (House, No. 1089), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Multiple Sclerosis treatment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 136 and House, No. 2231, that the Bill improving child eye health (House, No. 2231), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Children,—eye health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1404 and House, No. 2349, that the Bill relative to HIV prevention access for young adults (House, No. 2349), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

HIV prevention.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 807 and 1476 and House, No. 1313, a Bill relative to infection control in nursing facilities (House, No. 1313) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Nursing facilities,—infections.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditure and State Assets, on House, No. 4336, a Bill financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4759) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$4,841,125,000.00].

General governmental infrastructure.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 742 and House, No. 1268, a Bill relative to stabilizing the Commonwealth's nursing facilities (House, No. 1268) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Nursing facilities,—costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 755 and House, No. 1276, a Bill establishing a community health center transformation fund (House, No. 1276) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Health center transformation fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 759 and House, No. 1287, a Bill relative to the nursing home quality jobs initiative (House, No. 1287) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Nursing homes,—jobs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 781 and House, No. 1302, a Bill relative to applied behavioral health clinic rates (House, No. 1302) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Mental health services,—rates.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 744 and House, No. 1316, a Bill relative to the primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers (House, No. 1316) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Loan forgiveness grant program.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Ware to select board (House, No. 2205) (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 Senate Bill authorizing the town of Stoughton to transfer certain park property in exchange for acquisition and dedication of other land to park purposes (Senate, No. 2732), 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.

The House Bill to expand membership opportunities in local cultural councils (House, No. 3378), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Local cultural councils.

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

“The fourth paragraph of section 58 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The mayor of a city, the city manager in a city having a Plan D or E form of government, the board of selectmen of a town or the executive officer in a town having a town council form of government shall not serve as members.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3378, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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