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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.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Domb of Amherst) congratulating Amherst College on the two hundredth anniversary of its establishment;

Amherst
College.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Christian Rodi Dadasis on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Christian
Dadasis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Peter Rodi Dadasis on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Peter
Dadasis.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Kevin Ryan O'Neill on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Kevin
O'Neill.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Alexander Frederick Stock on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander
Stock.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Sam Tobar-Fawley on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Sam
Tobar-Fawley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Samuel Thomas Woodward on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Samuel
Woodward.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Philips of Sharon) congratulating Ashley Margaret Nelson on earning the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Ashley
Nelson.

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.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) 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 Service be granted until Sunday, July 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 1739, 1793, 2601, 2653 and 2825, and House documents numbered 2665, 2673, 3911 and 4294.

Public Service
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4760) 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 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, May 13, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4561.

Transportation committee,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4761) 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 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, May 20, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2353, 2356 and 2436, and House document numbered 3615.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4762) 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 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, July 1, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2256, and House document numbered 3482.

Id.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4763) 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.

Communications.

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From the Office of the State Auditor (see Section 17 (8) of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021;

Bureau of Special Investigations.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Photo Requirements Exemptions;

Transitional Assistance,—
EBT photos.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children — Eligible Noncitizen Status Clients [copies of said report were

Transitional Assistance,—
noncitizen families.

forwarded to the committee on House Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law]; and

From the Bristol County District Attorney's Office (see Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2021;

Bristol
County,—
wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

Special Report.

The final report of the PFAS Interagency Task Force (established under Section 98 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020 and revived and continued by Section 65 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) to review and investigate water and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances across the Commonwealth, was placed on file.

PFAS
Interagency
Task Force.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gordon of Bedford and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4764) of Kenneth I. Gordon and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) relative to town meetings in the town of Burlington; and

Burlington,—
town
meetings.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4765) of Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) relative to incumbent town meeting members in the town of Burlington;

Burlington,—
town meeting
members.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4766) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Fall River; and

Fall River,—
special
police.

By Representative Kelcourse of Amesbury and Senator DiZoglio, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4767) of James M. Kelcourse (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Newburyport be authorized to continue the employment of Charles Vorderis, a police officer in said city;

Newburyport,—
Charles
Vorderis.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4768) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) that town of Plymouth be authorized to provide for a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Plymouth,—
tax
agreement.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Dooley of Norfolk presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley that the commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to release a certain sewer easement in the town of Norfolk; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Norfolk,—
easement.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Authorizing the treasurer of the town of Middleborough to pay from available funds to Middleborough High School students, parents or guardians amounts paid but not reimbursed for the costs of the 2020 senior trip (Senate, No. 2518) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Middleborough,—
senior trip
reimbursement.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Almond, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2694) (on a petition);

Jennifer
Almond,—
sick leave.

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.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2378) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to the suspension of drivers licenses for habitual offenders, 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.

Bad drivers,—
license
suspensions.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Benjamin Tobin relative to transparency and accountability for out of district special education placements;

Out of district
placements.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Benjamin Tobin relative to multiple relationships in approved private special education schools;

Special
education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Benjamin Tobin for legislation to create a code of ethics for educators;

Teachers,—
ethics code.

Severally to the committee on Education.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter Capano and Brendan P. Crighton that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board be authorized to credit Cheryl DiLisio, an employee of Nahant public schools, with certain creditable service. To the committee on Public Service.

Cheryl
DiLisio,—
retirement.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, 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 House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Norwood to continue the employment of Fire Chief David Hayes (House, No. 4287) [Local Approval Received];

Norwood,—
David Hayes.

Concerning the rental of mopeds and motor scooters in the town of Oak Bluffs (House, No. 4322) [Local Approval Received];

Oak Bluffs,—
motor scooters.

Authorizing Jeremiah Z. Valli to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4435); and

Jeremiah
Valli.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Major Barry Allan Seidman, USAF memorial bridge (House, No. 4446).

Bedford,—
Seidman
bridge.

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

Reports

Of the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10,) on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3640) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to the reimbursement of cities and towns for veterans' benefits;

Veterans' benefits,— reimbursement.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3643) of Daniel R. Carey and others relative to the federal Open Burn Pit Registry and exposure of veterans and service members to certain airborne hazards;

Veterans,— airborne hazards.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3655) of Denise C. Garlick and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts military family relief fund;

Military family relief fund.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3664) of Kate Hogan for legislation to include veterans with post-traumatic stress in eligibility for certain pre-trial diversion programs;

Veterans,— pre-trial diversion.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3667) of Steven S. Howitt and others for legislation to require funeral directors to make available to potential clients information regarding funeral and burial benefits for veterans;

Veterans,— burial expenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3668) of Daniel J. Hunt and others relative to increasing annuities for disabled veterans and gold star families;

Veterans,— annuities.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3672) of Meghan Kilcoyne and others relative to the Massachusetts National Guard family education program;

National Guard,— education.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3674) of Michael J. Kushmerek and others for legislation to require funeral directors to make available to potential clients information regarding funeral and burial benefits for veterans;

Veterans,— burial expenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3680) of Paul McMurtry and others relative to the publishing of the names of veterans on certain municipal tax lists; and

Veterans,— tax notification.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3698) of David T. Vieira and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to a suitable memorial to commemorate Deborah Sampson;

Deborah Sampson,— commission.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on a motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Pending the question, in each instance, on acceptance of the report, the petitions were recommitted, on motions of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill requiring mental health parity for disability policies (House, No. 1038).

Behavioral health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage for mammograms and breast cancer screening (House, No. 1043).

Breast cancer,— insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to costs for treatment and management of diabetes (House, No. 1055).

Diabetes,— costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to insurance coverage of mobile integrated health (House, No. 1083).

Integrated mobile health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to promoting healthcare access and affordability for patients (House, No. 1224).

Healthcare access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1100, a Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (House, No. 4748).

Breast cancer,—
detection.

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

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 603 and House, No. 983, a Bill to create a commission to determine the feasibility of voluntary acquisition of flood risk properties and structures (House, No. 4744). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Flood risk protection,—
commission.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to support healthy development among preschoolers (House, No. 544).

Suspension and expulsion.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing learning in the early school years through a ban on school exclusion in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade (House, No. 3876).

Schools,—
exclusion.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to modernizing private flood insurance (House, No. 1133).

Flood insurance.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1168, a Bill relative to fairness in debt collection (House, No. 4749).

Debt collection.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Jeffrey H. Jackson to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4654).

Jeffrey Jackson,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Adrian Peters to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4655).

Adrian Peters,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4656).

Matthew Sonnabend,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Gregory S. Shopshire to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4657).

Gregory Shopshire,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Jacob M. White to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4659).

Jacob White,—
retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4372, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Matthew Morris (House, No. 4750) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Matthew Morris.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4373, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Richard Cintolo (House, No. 4751) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Richard Cintolo.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4529, a Bill providing for the retirement of Richard Seibert, a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree (House, No. 4752) [Local Approval Received].

Braintree,—
Richard Seibert.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4374, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Scott O'Brien (House, No. 4753) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Scott O'Brien.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises (see House, No. 387) (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.

House bills

Protecting research animals (House, No. 901);

To establish a surcharge on specific commercial development activities in the town of Lexington for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing in the town of Lexington (House, No. 3891) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Authorizing the town of Whately to continue the employment of Edwin Zaniewski (House, No. 4206); and

Relative to the appointment of police officers in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4258);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

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 sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (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.