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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 Mr. Barrett of North Adams) in recognition of Chief Timothy K. Garner on his retirement;

Timothy
Garner.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Aidan Patrick Boni on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Aidan
Boni.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Alexander Robert Boni on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Alexander
Boni.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Vincenzo Gerardo Petruzzielo on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Vincenzo
Petruzzielo.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Jacob Samuel Ruderman on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jacob
Ruderman.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Charles Joseph Kettlewell on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Charles
Kettlewell.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Patrick Guojian Tsung on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Patrick
Tsung.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Dr. William R. "Doc" Koplín on celebrating over fifty years as a Rotary Club member and having a perfect attendance record;

William
Koplín.

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. O'Day of West Boylston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed (under item 1599-2027 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) Lisa Gurgone of Mystic Valley Elder Services as his designee to the Human Service Workers Loan Repayment Assistance Program Board.

Loan Repayment
Board,—
human service
workers.

Communication.

A communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina transmitting joint resolutions H. 3205 (ratified by the President of the Senate and by the Speaker of the House of Representatives on April 7, 2022, and signed by the Governor on April 13, 2022), to make application to the Congress of the United States to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress, was placed on file.

South
Carolina,—
Article V
convention.

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 Sunday, July 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 88 and 114, and House documents numbered 211 and 240.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4840) 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 documents numbered 2255 and 2295, and House document numbered 3523.

Transportation
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4843) 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 Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4845) of Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to grant certain licenses for the temporary sale of alcoholic beverages in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Wellesley,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4846) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Deerfield be authorized to eliminate the appointed tax collector/town clerk/treasurer in said town and create an appointed town clerk and an appointed town treasurer-collector; and

Deerfield,—
appointed
positions.

By Ms. Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4847) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the term of office for city council assistant for the city of Holyoke.

Holyoke,—
city council
assistant.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4848) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham. To the committee on Public Service.

Dedham,—
police
officers.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Zorianna Petrosyan relative to school start times for middle and high school students.

Schools,—
start times.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin for legislation to limit rent increases and create a rental arbitrator within the office of the Attorney General.

Rent,—
arbitration.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill eliminating the department of finance and budget in the town of Groveland (Senate, No. 2742) (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.

Groveland,—
finance and
budget.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2907) of Michael O. Moore, David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Anne M. Gobi and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt certain positions in the police department of the town of Leicester from the civil service law, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Leicester,—
police
department.

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:

Authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4656);

Matthew
Sonnabend.

Authorizing Gregory S. Shopshire to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4657); and

Gregory
Shopshire.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Rhonda Brewster, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4831);

Rhonda
Brewster,—
sick leave.

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.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill creating an obesity task force and pilot program (House, No. 2397), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Obesity,—
task force.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (House, No. 219) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To establish standards for medical gas piping systems (House, No. 419) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Requiring mental health parity for disability policies (House, No. 1038) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to the practice of acupuncture (House, No. 1179) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to defining invasive surgical procedures (House, No. 1288) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to physician assistant non-competes (House, No. 2051) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To promote rehabilitation including guaranteed health, treatment, and safety for incarcerated LGBTQI+ people (House, No. 2484) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To create and implement a Massachusetts flexible housing subsidy pool program to address the medically complex needs of disabled men, women and children experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts (House, No. 3838) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements (House, No. 4271) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Promoting radon testing (House, No. 4467) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to hemp and agriculture in the cannabis industry (House, No. 4507) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to vertical integration of medical marijuana businesses (House, No. 4546) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

To improve quality and oversight of long-term care (House, No. 4780) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

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, No. 811 and House, No. 1301, that the Bill relative to consistent treatment of life estates (House, No. 1301), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2613 and House, No. 4329, that the Bill relative to safe patient handling and mobility in certain health facilities (House, No. 4329), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

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

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill to provide for the alternative method of examining competency (House, No. 259). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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

Autism, etc.

Medical gas piping.

Behavioral health.

Acupuncture.

Invasive surgeries.

Physician assistants.

LGBTQI+ inmates.

Flexible housing program.

Supplements,— children.

Radon testing.

Hemp agriculture.

Medical marijuana.

Long-term care.

Life estates.

Patients,— handling.

Social workers,— competency.

The Senate Bill establishing a parks and recreation commission in the town of Templeton (Senate, No. 2574) [Local Approval Received]; and
House bills
Relative to certain county elections for certain vacancies (House, No. 835); and
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];
Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Templeton,—
parks board.

Counties.
Methuen,—
charter.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill eliminating a sub-precinct in the town of Medway (see House bill printed in House, No. 4708) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills
Authorizing the establishment of a regional old colony communications center enterprise fund by the town of Duxbury (see House, No. 3748); and
Further regulating police detail work in the town of Hudson (see House, No. 4296);
(Which severally originated in the House);
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.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills
Authorizing the town of Mendon to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 3901); and
Designating United States highway Route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor Highway (House, No. 4436) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);
Severally reported by said committee 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.

The House Bill authorizing Jacob M. White to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4659), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.
Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Diggs of Barnstable moved to amend it by adding the following section:
“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”
The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4659, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Jacob
White,—
retirement.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.