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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Luso – American Foundation President, Rita Faden, and members Miguel Vas and Leonor Barroso. They were the guests of Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Doherty of Taunton, Oliveira of Ludlow, Silvia of Fall River and Vieira of Falmouth. They were accompanied by Senator Rodrigues.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced 8th grade students from Tahanto Regional Middle-High School, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were visiting the State House as guests of Ms. Kilcoyne of Clinton, who spoke briefly; and they were accompanied by teachers and chaperones. Tahanto is part of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to setting August 13th and 14th as the dates for sales tax holiday for 2022 (House, No. 4866), were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion Mr. Parisella, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Ferguson of Holden) congratulating the town of Rutland on the occasion of its tercentennial anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) recognizing Mark Richard Gregor on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) recognizing Colton Philip Simon on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America; Pledge of allegiance.

Luso – American Foundation.

Tahanto Regional Middle-High School students.

Sales tax holiday.

Rutland, anniversary.

Mark Gregor.

Colton Simon.

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Resolutions (filed by Mr. González of Springfield) congratulating Mary Ellen Scales, RN, MSN, CIC, FAPIC, on her retirement from Baystate Health;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Alexander D. Kapilian on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Brendan Louis O'Neill on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of the United States of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Ethan John Dunton on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Shane McDermott on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating Patrick John McGucken on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Webster) congratulating and recognizing the Arthur R. Taft Memorial Trust for the successful renovation of the Uxbridge Unitarian Church.

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

Order.

An Order (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Galvin of Canton) relative to the rescinding and expunging of all actions taken on Thursday, June 9, 2022 by the House in relation to House, No. 3837, was referred, under the Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Wong of Saugus the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Mr. Galvin then moved that the vote be reconsidered and, there being no objection, the motion was considered forthwith; and it was negatived.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4367; and by inserting before the enacting clause and emergency preamble) of the Senate Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2554), recommending the passage of a Bill fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security (Senate, No. 2924), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Mary Ellen Scales.

Alexander Kapilian.

Brendan O'Neill.

Ethan Dunton.

Shane McDermott.

Patrick McGucken. Uxbridge,—

Unitarian Church.

House, No. 3837, expunge record and actions taken on June 9.

Voting, regulate. A Bill regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 2933) (on Senate bill No. 2913), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (Senate, No. 2841) (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.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2925) of Ryan C. Fattman, Peter J. Durant and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the town of Charlton to 70 years old, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

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 the theft of vehicle catalytic converters (House, No. 4722); and

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Lee to a select board (House, No. 4729) [Local Approval Received];

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 Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill relative to Massachusetts's transportation resources and climate (House, No. 4798), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4867) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$5,786,100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 876, 879 and 3837, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to recycling and hazardous materials (House, No. 4865). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, on the foregoing order then reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3837) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to liability for release of hazardous materials,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Medical technicians.

Somerville,— Charles J. Femino.

Charlton, police officers.

Converters. Lee, select board.

Transportation resources and climate, bonds.

Recycling and hazardous materials, study.

Hazardous materials.

Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans with post-traumatic stress (House, No. 3664). Referred; under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 4720, a Bill investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns (House, No. 4864). Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill granting creditable service to Cheryl DiLisio, an employee of Nahant public schools (House, No. 4778).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill ensuring equitable representation in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3115).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill promoting governmental efficiency (House, No. 3194).

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill providing for timely reimbursement of cities and towns for veterans' benefits (House, No. 3640).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing annuity for disabled veterans and gold star families (House, No. 3668).

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing certain death benefits for the widow of a former firefighter of the City of Boston (House, No. 4454) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4774).

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Dr. Heidi Tarr Henson, an employee of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Senate, No. 2863); and Establishing a sick leave bank for Jacquelyne Foley, an employee of the

Department of Early Education and Care (see Senate, No. 2884);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Veterans, posttraumatic stress.

Economic development.

Cheryl DiLisio, retirement.

Demographic data.

Open meeting law.

Veterans, reimbursements.

Veterans, annuities.

Maria Rodriguez, benefits.

Thomas Harmon, retirement.

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Berkley to grant 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2788) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the town of Deerfield to continue the employment of police officer Gary Sibilia (see House, No. 3988, amended) (which 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill providing for certain changes to the town charter in the town of Middleborough (Senate, No. 2778) (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, in concurrence.

House bills

Establishing the Framingham economic development corporation in the city of Framingham (House, No. 4352) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

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

Authorizing the town of Rochester to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4747) (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.

House bills

Relative to the town of Avon (House, No. 510); and

Establishing a pilot program allowing for in-person payment of daily parking fees at certain commuter rail stations operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (House, No. 3461);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

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.

Third reading bills.

Third

bill.

reading

Second reading bills.

Next sitting.

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