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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced the Milford High School Scarlet Hawks Wrestling Team, Massachusetts Division 2 State Champions for 2022, led by Coach P. J. Boccia. Coach Boccia was named as M.I.A.A. Wrestling Coach of the Year; team member Cameron Phillips was the Individual State Champion in the 195 pound weight class, and team member Hampton Kaye-Kuter was the Individual State and New England Champion in the 220 pound weight class. They were the guests of Mr. Murray of Milford.

Milford High
School Scarlet
Hawks Wrestling
Team.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Evelyn M. Sanford on receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of America;

Evelyn
Sanford.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) on the occasion of the dedication of the Casali Family Square in the town of Natick;

Natick,—
Casali Square.

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

William
Guillette.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McGonagle of Everett) commending the Everett Little League on its seventieth anniversary;

Everett,—
Little League.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Roy of Franklin, Soter of Bellingham and Murray of Milford) congratulating Chief Allen Tingley on the occasion of his retirement; and

Allen
Tingley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Warren) congratulating the Sturbridge Rotary Club on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.

Sturbridge,—
Rotary Club.

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.

Petitions.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Gomez, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4874) of Michael J. Finn and Adam Gomez (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

West Springfield,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4875) of Tackey Chan and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to certain voting precincts in the city of Quincy;

Quincy,—
voting
precincts.

By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4877) of David T. Vieira (by vote of the town) that the town of Falmouth be authorized to hold a special election for the purpose of electing members of a municipal light board; Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

Falmouth,—
special election.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4878) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush relative to the charter of the town of Dedham. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Dedham,—
town charter.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kerans of Danvers and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely relative to the inspection and certification of modular homes.

Modular homes,—
inspection.

By Ms. Kilcoyne of Clinton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Meghan Kilcoyne that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of state owned land in the town of Lancaster to said town.

Lancaster,—
land.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The following order 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 30, 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 telecommunications, utilities and energy matters.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order (Senate, No. 2910) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2935) of Bruce E. Tarr, Lenny Mirra and Tram T. Nguyen (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Boxford to establish the Boxford small repair grants trust.

Boxford,—
repair grant
trust.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2936) of Bruce E. Tarr, David Allen Robertson and Kenneth I. Gordon (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to changing the term board of selectmen to select board in the town of Wilmington. Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Wilmington,—
select board.

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 petition of Christopher Hendricks (with the approval of the county commissioners) that the Bristol County Retirement Board grant creditable service to Michael Cioper. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Michael Cioper,—
creditable service.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, reported that the Senate Bill addressing barriers to care for mental health (Senate, No. 2584), ought to pass with an amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4879. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment pending.

Mental health
barriers.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2584, amended) was 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 Resolve establishing an advisory committee on the accessibility of fresh food retail in communities throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 2389),— 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.

Advisory
committee,—
fresh food.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on House Rules, that the Resolve to establish a special commission on employing mental health professionals as law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2445), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Law enforcement
mental health.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, Nos. 3643, 3667, 3672, 3674, 3680 and 3698, a Bill relative to veteran health, opportunity, notification, observance and respect (House, No. 4873). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Veterans,—
health.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2439 and 2491, a Bill relative to 3D printed guns and ghost guns (House, No. 4869).

Ghost guns.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the town of Natick for the reconstruction of North Main Street (Route 27) (House, No. 4804).

Natick,—
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Ayer select board to acquire a water line easement on land of the department of conservation & recreation (House, No. 4811) [Local Approval Received].

Ayer,—
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3199, a Bill relative to language access and inclusion (House, No. 4872).

Language.

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. 1111, a Bill to establish minimum reimbursement rate to insurance claimants (House, No. 4868).

Insurance,—
reimbursement
rates.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4766, a Bill relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4870) [Local Approval Received].

Fall River,—
special
police.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4767, a Bill authorizing the city of Newburyport to continue the employment of police officer Charles Vorderis (House, No. 4871) [Local Approval Received].

Newburyport,—
Charles
Vorderis.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Upton to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4755) [Local Approval Received.]

Upton,—
senior tax
exemption.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for a certain payment in lieu of tax agreement with owners of Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4768) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—
tax
agreement.

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

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:

Senate bills

Further regulating public safety in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1596) [Local Approval Received]; and

Somerville,—
public safety.

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) [Local Approval Received];

Middleborough,—
senior trip
reimbursement.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Newbury to the select board (Senate, No. 2875) [Local Approval Received]; and

Newbury,—
select board.

House bills

To enhance child passenger safety (House, No. 2446);

Child safety.
Sparklers.

Relative to novelty sparklers (House, No. 2476);

To provide residency preference for the Boston Police Department and the Boston Fire Department (House, No. 2687) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
residency.

Relative to the civil service hiring of surviving dependents (House, No. 2795);

Civil service .

Relative to blood testing for certain drivers (House, No. 3737);

Blood testing.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Relative to the exempting [sic] certain positions in the city of Gardner from the provisions of civil service (House, No. 3941) [Local Approval Received];

Gardner,—
civil service.

Relative to the transfer of original documents to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of the Mohican Nation from the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4627) [Local Approval Received];

Stockbridge,—
Mohican Nation
documents.

Relative to a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson (House, No. 4631) [Local Approval Received];

Hanson,—
conservation.

Authorizing Jeffrey H. Jackson to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4654); and

Jeffrey
Jackson.

Designating a certain bridge in the city of North Adams as the William F. Evans memorial bridge (House, No. 4661);

North Adams,—
Evans bridge.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (see House, No. 4638), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Municipal
roads and
bridges,—
bonds.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing for certain changes to the town charter in the town of Middleborough (see Senate, No. 2778) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (see House, No. 3981, amended); and

Amending the charter of the town of Medway to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board (see House, No. 4259);

(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.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 1661), 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.