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Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

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. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Finn Bouley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Finn
Bouley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Nicholas Kells on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicholas
Kells.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating George Robertson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

George
Robertson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) congratulating Donna Kivlin of Littleton on being named a 2022 Commonwealth Heroine Award;

Donna
Kivlin.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gouveia of Acton and Sena of Acton) congratulating Thomas E. Tidman on his retirement as the Director of Natural Resources for the town of Acton;

Thomas
Tidman.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kerans of Danvers) congratulating Collin Wentworth Hawkins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Collin
Wentworth.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Soter of Bellingham) congratulating and recognizing Chief Michael J. Sweeney for his retirement from the Blackstone Fire Department after fifty-two years of service;

Michael
Sweeney.

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.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill requiring mental health parity for disability policies (Senate, No. 703), was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on Ways and Means.

Mental health
parity.

A report of the committee on Housing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 868) of Joanne M. Comerford, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Patrick Lewis, Michael J. Barrett and other members of the General Court for legislation to empower cities and towns to impose

Affordable
housing,—
municipal
fee.

a fee on certain real estate transactions to support affordable housing,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2938) of Joanne M. Comerford and Susannah M. Whipps (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin Water District. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Northfield,—
Grandin
water district.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2940) of Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Aquinnah to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure and requiring wiring in certain construction; and

Aquinnah,—
new, etc.
construction.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2941) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of West Tisbury to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting new fossil fuel infrastructure and requiring wiring in certain construction;

West Tisbury,—
new, etc.
construction.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely relative to the inspection and certification of modular homes. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Modular
homes,—
inspection.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Tackey Chan for legislation to provide collective bargaining rights to employees of the mosquito control projects and mosquito control districts. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Mosquito
control,—
employees.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1377) of Mike Connolly and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to impose a fee up to 2 per cent of the purchase price upon the transfer of certain real property,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Housing,—
transfer fee.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To reduce single-use plastics from the environment (House, No. 4827); and

Plastics.

To study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4830).

Springfield,—
museum.

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

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to enact a condominium conversion ordinance fee for buildings containing two or more residential units (House, No. 4453) [Local Approval Received] [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Salem,—
ordinance
fee.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the amendment of section 2-8(b) and section 3-2(a) of the Home Rule Charter of the city of Methuen (House, No. 4779) [Local Approval Received].

Methuen,—
assistant
clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the creation of a linkage fee for development in the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4789) [Local Approval Received].

Chelsea,—
linkage fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Duxbury to offset betterment assessments from funds from Federal Emergency Management Agency (House, No. 4809) [Local Approval Received].

Duxbury,—
FEMA funds.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 3837, a Bill relative to liability for release of hazardous materials (House, No. 4898). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hazardous
materials.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the conveyance of a parcel of land in the town of Brewster (House, No. 3217), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4901). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Brewster,—
land.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 3994), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4902). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Fitchburg,—
land.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the city of Lowell to the Lowell Housing Authority (House, No. 4237), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4900). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lowell,—
land.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Commonwealth to convey certain land in the city of Boston (House, No. 4317), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the commissioner of the division of capital asset management to convey certain former Boston State Hospital land in the city of Boston (House, No. 4899). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
land.

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. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, 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. 4897) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$10,403,958,157.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Transportation,—
resources.

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

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

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets,— to amend the bill by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4867),— was rejected.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill (House, No. 4897) was ordered to a third reading.

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 designating a certain boat launch area in the town of Rutland as the Detective John D. Songy boat launch (Senate, No. 535); and

Rutland,—
boat launch.

House bills

Providing certain death benefits for the widow of a former firefighter of the city of Boston (House, No. 4454) [Local Approval Received];

Maria
Rodriguez.

Dedicating the grove at Heritage State Park in the city of Fall River as the David Almond grove, in honor of the late David Almond (House, No. 4832); and

Fall River,—
Almond grove.

Relative to the appointment of special police officers in the city of Fall River (House, No. 4870) [Local Approval Received];

Fall River,—
special police.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the audit committee of the town of Nantucket (see House, No. 4123) (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

Amending the charter of the city of Lynn (House, No. 4623);

Removing the residency requirement for members of the traffic commission in the city of Lynn (House, No. 4625);

Third
reading
bills.

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

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.

The House Bill relative to expanding agricultural land (House, No. 3059), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading bill.

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 twenty-eight minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M..