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Tuesday, July 5, 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.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) 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 Health Care Financing be granted until Sunday, July 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4818 and 4821.

Health Care
Financing
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4970) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) 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 the Judiciary be granted until Friday, July 22, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 135, 1462, 1471, 1518, 1522, 1567, 1714, 1763, 1781, 1795, 1798, 1894, 1912, 3570, 4290, 4303 and 4444.

Judiciary
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4955) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) 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 Revenue be granted until Sunday, July 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 4637.

Revenue
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4963) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed (under section 2 of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2022) Representative Kane of Shrewsbury as his designee to the Women’s Rights History Trail Task Force.

Women’s
Rights
History Trail.

Communications.

Communications

From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021;

Comptroller,—
financial
report.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting a complete and detailed fiscal year 2021 annual report of the commission’s activities;

Gaming
Commission,—
annual report.

From the Office of the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Northern District (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund request for funds [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Bristol County
Registry of
Deeds,—
technology fund
request.

From the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (under Section 6 of Chapter 40H of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2021 annual report;

CEDAC.

From the Secretary of Health and Human Services (under Section 30 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022) regarding the final report of the implementation of a detailed comprehensive 60-day COVID-19 vaccination equity plan; and

COVID-19,—
vaccination
equity plan.

From the Division of Insurance (see Section 32 of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its 2021 report relative to companies that write homeowners, condominium and renters coverage regarding certain dog claim information;

Division of
Insurance,—
dog claims.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under Section 17 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting its third quarter report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022;

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the May 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report;

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Of the Water Resources Commission (under Sections 8C of Chapter 21 of the General Laws and CMR 4.11(3)) relative to the approval of the town of Auburn’s request for an interbasin transfer to purchase water from the city of Worcester; and

Auburn and
Worcester,—
water.

Of the Special Commission on Methamphetamine Use established (under Section 131 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021 and reporting date extended by Section 44 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) to make recommendations regarding methamphetamine and other stimulant use in the Commonwealth; and

Methamphetamine
and other
stimulant use.

The final report of the Special Commission on Racial Inequities on Maternal Health established (under Chapter 348 of the Acts of 2020 and reporting date extended by Section 68 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) to investigate and study methods to reduce racial inequities in maternal health [copies of the report were forwarded to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services,

Maternal
health,—
racial
inequities.

the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Health Care Financing and the committee on Public Health, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sullivan of Abington and Senator Brady, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4971) of Alyson M. Sullivan, Michael D. Brady and others (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the North Bedford Street sewer district in the town of East Bridgewater; and

East
Bridgewater,—
sewer district.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4972) of Alyson M. Sullivan, Michael D. Brady and others (by vote of the town) relative to the procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of East Bridgewater;

East
Bridgewater,—
roads.

Severally referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4973) of Alyson M. Sullivan, Michael D. Brady and Gerard J. Cassidy (by vote of the town) that the town of East Bridgewater be authorized to exempt uniformed positions within the police department of said town from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

East
Bridgewater,—
civil service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4807), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2951) (in which the House had non-concurred).

General
governmental
infrastructure
bonds.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Brownsberger, Collins and Fattman had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

A Bill relative to extending certain state of emergency accommodations (Senate, No. 2985) (on Senate bill No. 2982), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Emergency
housing,
etc..

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2972) of Walter F. Timilty, Michael D. Brady, Gerard J. Cassidy and Carol A. Doherty (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the select board of Easton to lease certain parcels of land, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Easton,—
land.

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 Jon Santiago for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the public and private diagnostic testing infrastructure in the Commonwealth and to make recommendations to increase preparedness for future pandemics, epidemics and emerging pathogens. To the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management.

Pandemics,
etc.,—
diagnostic
testing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter Barbella relative to the assessed property tax valuation of certain long term residences. To the committee on Revenue.

Property tax
valuations.

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

Report of the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4787) of Michael J. Finn relative to child welfare protections, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Finn of Springfield.

Child
welfare.

The same member then moved that the report be amended by substitution of a Bill relative to child welfare protections (House, No. 4974), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill, was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 20, 33, 1265, 1295, 1838, 2549, 2551, 2552, 2554, 2555, 2557, 2559, 2560, 2562, 2565, 2567, 2569, 2570, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2592, 2596, 2598, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2610, 2611, 2616, 2618, 2619, 2621, 2622, 2624, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2634, 2635, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2641, 2643, 2647, 2652, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2660, 2662, 2667, 2668, 2670, 2672, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 2680, 2681, 2685, 2686, 2688, 2689, 2690, 2691, 2692, 2693, 2694, 2695, 2699, 2700, 2703, 2705, 2707, 2709, 2712, 2717, 2718, 2719, 2720, 2721, 2727, 2729, 2730, 2731, 2733, 2734, 2735, 2736, 2737, 2741, 2742, 2743, 2746, 2747, 2750, 2753, 2754, 2756, 2759, 2762, 2764, 2765, 2766, 2767, 2768, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2776, 2778, 2779, 2780, 2783, 2784, 2785, 2787, 2789, 2790, 2791, 2796, 2798, 2801, 2802, 2803, 2804, 2805, 2807, 3730, 3753, 3763, 3765, 3800, 4040, 4171, 4172 and 4305, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning public service matters (House, No. 4960). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Public service
matters,—
study.

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. 2611) of Josh S. Cutler and Susan L. Moran relative to retirement benefits for Felicia O'Connor, the surviving spouse of John Bernard O'Connor, a retired state police officer injured in the line of duty,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Felicia
O'Connor,—
retirement
benefits.

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 Thomas Harmon to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4774); and

Authorizing the city of Newburyport to continue the employment of police officer Charles Vorderis (House, No. 4871) [Local Approval Received];

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

Thomas
Harmon.

Newburyport,—
Charles
Vorderis.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns (House, No. 4864), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4977) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,255,800,000.00]. Read and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendment pending.

Economic
development,—
bonds.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to qualified data centers in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4634) [Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Qualified
data centers.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to voting precincts in the city of Chicopee (House, No. 4860) [Local Approval Received].

Chicopee,—
voting
precincts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain voting precincts in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4875) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,—
voting
precincts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Falmouth to hold a special election for members of a municipal light board (House, No. 4877) [Local Approval Received].

Falmouth,—
light board.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the elimination of the appointed tax collector/town clerk/treasurer in the town of Deerfield and the creation of an appointed town clerk and an appointed town treasurer-collector (House, No. 4846) [Local Approval Received].

Deerfield,—
appointed
positions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 4878) [Local Approval Received].

Dedham,—
town charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House No. 4847, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4965) [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,—
city council
assistant.

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

Engrossed Bill.

Ms. Belsito of Topsfield being in the Chair,—

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ipswich as the Global War on Terror Memorial Bridge (see Senate, No. 2380) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for

Bill
enacted.

final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

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), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Relative to property tax exemptions for affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the city of Salem restricted as affordable housing (House, No. 4300);

Authorizing the town of Westford to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4666); and

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Lee to a select board (House, No. 4729);

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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.