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Monday, July 11, 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 Mr. Philips of Sharon) recognizing the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Sharon, Massachusetts Rotary Club; and

Sharon  
Rotary Club.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Philips of Sharon) congratulating Brandon Thomas Webber on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Brandon  
Webber.

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

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 10(f) of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting the Division of Green Communities 2021 annual report; and

Green  
Communities,—  
annual report.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1599-2026 of Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) detailing progress on development of behavioral health treatment and referral platform and the inter-operable data warehouse;

Behavioral  
health  
treatment.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Annual and Special Reports.*

### Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2022;

Status of  
Women.

Of the Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders (under Section 68 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) for calendar year 2021; and

Asian  
Americans, etc.

Of the Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (under Section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) for fiscal year 2021 [copies of said report were forwarded to the

Property and  
Casualty  
Initiative.

committees on House Ways and Means, and the committees on Financial Services and Revenue, as required by said law]; and

Special reports

The first report of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (MassPRIM) (under Section 64(f) of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) of scrutinized companies that have been sanctioned by the United States government as a result of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, or incorporated in the Russian Federation; and

PRIM Board,—  
sanctioned  
companies.

Of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Community Investment Initiative, LLC (see Section 2(e) of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) submitting its annual report and statement of financial condition for calendar year 2021 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committees on Financial Services and Revenue, as required by said law];

Life Insurance  
Community  
Investment  
Initiative,—  
annual report.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5008) of Tommy Vitolo and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) relative to eligibility for voting in local elections in the town of Brookline. To the committee on Election Laws.

Brookline,—  
voting  
eligibility.

By Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5009) of Steven C. Owens, John J. Lawn, Jr., and William N. Brownsberger (with the approval of the town council) that the city known as the town of Watertown be authorized to adopt an affordable housing linkage fee for non-residential development;

Watertown,—  
affordable  
housing.

By Mr. Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5010) of Danillo A. Sena, Tami L. Gouveia and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton; and

Acton,—  
affordable  
housing.

By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5011) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury,—  
select board.

Severally to the committee on Housing.

By Mr. Sena of Acton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5012) of Danillo A. Sena and Tami L. Gouveia (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to establish a minimum charge for checkout bags in said town; and

Acton,—  
checkout  
bags.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5013) of Danillo A. Sena, Tami L. Gouveia and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings.

Acton,—  
public  
hearings.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representatives Vargas of Haverhill and Kelcourse of Amesbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5014) of Andres X. Vargas and James M. Kelcourse (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Haverhill Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to John Farrell, an employee of the fire department of the city of Haverhill. To the committee on Public Service.

Haverhill,—  
John Farrell.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Hinds presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to authorize the town of Ashfield to enter into an agreement to establish the West County Senior Services District; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Ashfield,—  
senior  
services  
district.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of North Andover with respect to town meeting warrant posting (House, No. 3747) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

North  
Andover,—  
warrant  
posting.

A joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4988) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) that the town of Plymouth be authorized to hold remote representative town meetings, came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the suspension of Joint Rule 12, non-concurred with the House in its reference to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; and had referred said petition, in non-concurrence, to the committee on the Election Laws.

Plymouth,—  
remote town  
meetings.

On motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the House then receded from its reference to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4988) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

**Bills**

Authorizing Nikos Sofronas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (Senate, No. 1697) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—  
Nikos  
Sofronas.

Further regulating a certain property exemption in the town of Hamilton (Senate, No. 2581) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Hamilton,—  
property  
exemption.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2991) of Adam G. Hinds and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt all positions in the police department of the town of Dalton from the civil service law, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Dalton,—  
civil service.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the Millicent Library in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 3386), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5006). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Fairhaven,—  
Millicent  
Library.

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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 the same member, 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, on House, No. 4864, reported, in part, a Bill investing in future opportunities for resiliency, workforce, and revitalized downtowns (House, No. 4864), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relating to economic growth and relief for the Commonwealth (House, No. 5007) [Total Appropriation: \$2,545,220,941.00] [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,255,800,000.00].

Economic development,— bonds.

Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, with the amendment previously recommended by the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets,— to amend the bill by substitution a bill with the same title (House, No. 4977),— and the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means, pending.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, 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 previously recommended by the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets was rejected.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill (House, No. 5007) 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 authorizing the town of Tisbury to hold 2022, 2023 and 2024 town meetings outside of the geographic limits of the town if necessary for health and safety (Senate, No. 2990); and

Tisbury,— elections.

The House Bill to amend the charter of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4965) [Local Approval Received];

Holyoke,— city council assistant.

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

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, Nos. 185, 192, 195, 197, 198, 207, 220, 230, 241, 247, 251, 254, 255, 267, 274, 275, 277, 278, 279, 3778 and 3953, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning to children, families and persons with disabilities (House, No. 4909).

Children, families and persons with disabilities matters,— study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3400, 3406, 3408, 3414, 3415, 3423, 3432, 3439, 3454, 3462, 3465, 3466, 3467, 3470, 3472, 3473, 3474, 3495, 3500, 3542, 3566, 3578, 3582, 3618 and 3621, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transportation matters (House, No. 4944) [Representatives Howitt of Seekonk and DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

Transportation matters,— study.

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Severally 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, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill establishing a special commission to study and report on the history of state institutions for people with developmental and mental health disabilities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4961), ought to pass. Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

State institutions.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission Land in Oak Bluffs (House, No. 4958).

Oak Bluffs,—land.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on House, No. 4362, a Bill to improve tax administration in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4996).

Taxes,—administration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1801, 1821, 1824, 1835, 1841, 1842, 1847, 1852, 1884, 1889, 1911, and 1942 and House, Nos. 2843, 2866, 2871, 2881, 2893, 2984, 2990, 3038, 3057, 3062, 3085, 3801, 4306 and 4361, a Bill to improve Massachusetts' competitiveness and reduce the cost of living (House, No. 4997).

Taxes,—policy.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to amend the state contract law relating to provisions in state procurement contracts involving the use of low embodied carbon concrete (House, No. 4849).

Carbon concrete,—procurement.

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 to appoint retired police officers of the town of Saugus as special police officers (House, No. 4861) [Local Approval Received].

Saugus,—police officers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4842, a Bill authorizing the town of Dedham to continue the employment of William Spillane as chief of the fire department (House, No. 4998) [Local Approval Received].

Dedham,—William Spillane.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4848, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham (House, No. 4999) [Local Approval Received].

Dedham,—police officers.

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

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4932), 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.

Supplemental appropriations.

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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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) 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

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

Designating a certain portion of state highway in the town of Plymouth as Plimoth Patuxet highway (House, No. 4743);

Authorizing the town of Raynham to grant additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4746);

Authorizing the creation of a linkage fee for development in the city of Chelsea (House, No. 4789); and

Authorizing the town of Duxbury to offset betterment assessments from funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (House, No. 4809) (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.

*Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing the third Saturday in July as Negro Election Day (Senate, No. 2703); and

House bills

Authorizing the city of Melrose to regulate certain property tax exemption eligibility requirements for the elderly (House, No. 3767);

Establishing a Beachwood/Lenstock maintenance district in the town of Stockbridge (House, No. 4316); and

Authorizing Tisbury to modify fire department employment (House, No. 4622);

Severally were discharged from their positions in the Orders of the Day and read a second time, under suspension of Rule 47, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Negro election  
day.

Melrose,—  
property taxes.

Stockbridge,—  
district.

Tisbury.

*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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

At twenty minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.