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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 3972), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, July 16.

Transportation
bonds.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Daniel Dominick Cogliandro on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel
Cogliandro.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Richard Ian Gulbankian on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Richard
Gulbankian.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating William Frederic Haney on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

William
Haney.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Andrew Kenneth Horton on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Andrew
Horton.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Jacob Morgan Williams on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Jacob
Williams.

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

Charles
Bierden.

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

Maxwell
Bierden.

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

Owen
Dunton.

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

Kyle
Hallahan.

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

George
Resker.

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

Brandon
Robinson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Philips of Sharon and other members of the House) congratulating Doctor Tammy Tower Quinn on her retirement as Superintendent-Director of the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in the town of Walpole; and

Tammy
Quinn.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Thomas (Tom) Gundstrom on celebrating his retirement from the town of Franklin Department of Public Works;

Thomas
Gundstrom.

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. Gentile of Sudbury, 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 authorizing the appointment of special firefighters in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1734) (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.

Somerville,—
special
firefighters.

A report of the committee on Revenue, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1815) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jack Patrick Lewis, Joanne M. Comerford, Michael J. Barrett and other members of the General Court for legislation to reinvest justice and opportunity in communities affected by incarceration, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Strong
communities
and workforce
development
fund,—
establishment.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2485) of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3871), reported, a bill with the same title (House, No. 3973) [Total Appropriation: \$261,572,158.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

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 report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Daniel R. Carey (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the charter of the city of Easthampton. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was

Easthampton,—
charter.

referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Daniel R. Carey and Jack Patrick Lewis for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to access to the archaeological, geological and fossil resources in the Commonwealth. 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 Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Archaeological research.

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:

Revoking the town of Longmeadow's acceptance of a certain general law establishing a board of election commissioners (House, No. 94) [Local Approval Received];

Longmeadow,— election commissioners.

Relative to insurance proceeds for injured police and fire personnel in the town of Boylston (House, No. 2181) [Local Approval Received];

Boylston,— insurance.

Relative to the management of Fuller Field in the town of Clinton (House, No. 2182) [Local Approval Received];

Clinton,— Fuller Field.

Authorizing the city of Cambridge to utilize certain land used for park, playground or recreation uses for general municipal purposes, including but not limited to school purposes, and for installation of subsurface geothermal wells in certain land used for park, playground or recreation uses (House, No. 3768) [Local Approval Received]; and

Cambridge,— land.

Exempting certain positions of the police department in the town of Lancaster from the civil service law (House, No. 3810) [Local Approval Received];

Lancaster,— 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.

By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 3815).

Holyoke Soldiers' Home,— bond terms.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 70, 502, 506, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 531, 535 and 3832, a Bill to regulate sports wagering (House, No. 3974).

Sports wagering.

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

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the use of Article ninety-seven land for roadway improvements in the town of Dunstable (House, No. 3936) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Dunstable,— land.

Orders of the Day.

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2021 (submitted by the Governor under the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) relative to reorganizing certain licensing agencies of the Executive Department (House, No. 3774) [the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure had reported, in accordance with a provision of Joint Rule 23A, recommending that said Reorganization Plan Number 1 “ought to be approved” — For majority report, see Senate, No. 2476], was laid aside as moot [the time to act on such Reorganization Plan #1 of 2021 having expired on Sunday, July 18, 2021].

Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2021,—licensing agencies.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Maynard to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises (House, No. 387) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Needham the Private First Cass David “Damon” Borrelli memorial bridge (House, No. 3469);

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 the retirement of police officer Sean Murphy (House, No. 3764) (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.

Weymouth,—Sean Murphy.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in section 1, in line 16, by striking out the word “nontaxable” and inserting in place thereof the words “exempt from state and local taxation, and exempt from federal taxation to the extent allowable under federal tax law”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3764, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Next sitting.

At twenty-eight 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 Wednesday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.