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Thursday, August 18, 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.

## *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 to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 5213), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, August 17.

Bonding  
terms.

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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5214) of Steven S. Howitt, Paul R. Feeney and F. Jay Barrows (by vote of the town) that the town of Norton be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and

Norton,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5215) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Belmont,—  
liquor  
licenses.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Mr. Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5216) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to changing the board of selectmen of the town of Lanesborough to a select board. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Lanesborough,—  
select  
board.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5217) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) relative to the retirement classification of certain public safety employees of the town of Belmont. To the committee on Public Service.

Belmont,—  
retirement  
classification.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill exempting the positions of police chief and police captain in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (House, No. 3756), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

Leominster,—  
police.

“SECTION 2. This act shall not impair the civil service status of a person holding a position described in section 1 on the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

*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 Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to exempt the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Committee from earnings limitations; and

Police  
Training  
Committee.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of William M. Straus for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Molly Urquhart, an employee of the Department of Children and Families;

Molly  
Urquhart,—  
sick leave.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Sally P. Kerans and Joan B. Lovely relative to airplane noise data collection. To the committee on Transportation.

Airplane  
noise.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to establish a Massachusetts children’s cabinet (House, No. 5088), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Children’s  
cabinet.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the city of Salem (House, No. 5025) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Salem,—  
housing  
project.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4883, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 5176) [Local Approval Received].

Milford,—  
liquor  
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4884, a Bill authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be consumed on the premises (House, No. 5177) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Watertown to adopt an affordable housing linkage fee (House, No. 5009) [Local Approval Received].

Watertown,—  
affordable  
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton (House, No. 5010) [Local Approval Received].

Acton,—  
affordable  
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the South Boston section of the city of Boston (House, No. 5036) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—  
affordable  
housing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing and branch library space in the Chinatown section of the city of Boston (House, No. 5097) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Acton to establish a minimum charge for a checkout bag (House, No. 5012) [Local Approval Received].

Acton,—  
bag charge.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Historic District Commission in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 5037, changed in section 1, in line 10, by striking out the word “competition” and inserting in place thereof the word “completion”) [Local Approval Received].

Sudbury,—  
Historic  
District  
Commission.

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

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rhonda Brewster, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 4831), 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.

Rhonda  
Brewster,—  
sick leave.

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.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill further regulating elections in the town of Bridgewater (Senate, No. 3080), 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.

The House Bill authorizing the Devens Enterprise Commission to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5017), 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.

Id.

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The House Bill establishing plastic pollution action day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3122), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Plastic  
pollution  
action day.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate September 14 as Plastic Pollution Action Day, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3122, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Further regulating elections in the town of Bridgewater (see Senate, No. 3080) (which originated in the Senate);

Authorizing the investment of town of Lunenburg library trust funds (see House, No. 3727);

Further regulating the authority of the town of Norwood to grant licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages in a certain area of the town (see House, No. 4114, amended);

Regarding licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Tisbury (see House, No. 4240); and

Authorizing the town of Hull to grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4667);

(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.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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