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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.

Communication.

A communication from the Registry of Motor Vehicles Division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (under the provisions of Chapter 30A, and Section 7V of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to 540 CMR 4, Annual Safety and Combined Safety and Emissions of All Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Semi-Trailers and Converter Dollies (see House, No. 5224), was referred, to the committee on Transportation. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emissions,—
regulations.

Annual and Special Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Justice Reinvestment Policy Oversight Board (under Section 11 of Chapter 7D of the General Laws) on the collection of data and the compliance with justice reinvestment policies; and

Justice
reinvestment
policies.

Of the Division of Banks (under Section 13 of Chapter 167 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2021;

Division of
Banks.

Special Reports

Of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under Section 5 of Chapter 21N of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030;

Clean Energy
and Climate
Plan.

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 1G of Chapter 164 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report concerning self-generation for fiscal year 2021; and

Utilities,—
self-generation.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report of the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of May, 2022;

Trial Court,—
summary
process
actions.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5232) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the

Northampton,—
William
Dwight.

Northampton Retirement Board be authorized to grant creditable service to William Dwight; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to further regulate the conveyance of certain state owned land to the city of Northampton; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Northampton,—
land.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to municipal light plant participation in green communities (House, No. 4351, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in its further amendment with a still further amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

Municipal
light plants.

“SECTION 1. Section 20 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a municipality served by a municipal lighting plant that serves multiple municipalities that does not supply generation service outside its own service territory or does not open its service territory to competition at the retail level and that has not elected to assess and remit a mandatory charge pursuant to said subsection (b) may adopt a mandatory charge per kilowatt-hour upon its electricity consumers on the same terms and conditions as apply to the charge imposed on consumers residing in competitive distribution service territories under this section; provided, however, that the municipal light plant shall collect the charge from ratepayers through electric bills.

SECTION 2. Subsection (e) of section 10 of chapter 25A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- In adopting such regulations, the division shall require that a municipality served by a municipal light plant that serves multiple municipalities shall be permitted to qualify as a green community if the municipality has chosen to adopt the renewable energy charge pursuant to subsection (c) of section 20 of chapter 25.”.

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

Reports

Of the committee on Public Service, recommending that the report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (pursuant to Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 28.00) (see Senate, No. 3017), be placed on file; and

Public
employees,—
retirement.

Of the committee on Revenue, recommending that the report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-fifth annual report (see Senate, No. 2736), be placed on file;

Massachusetts
Capital
Resource
Company

Severally having been accepted by the Senate were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4923) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Montague be authorized to grant one additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town.

Montague,—
liquor
license.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the joint petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy.

By Mr. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 145, 147, 148, 149, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 165, 167, 170, 176, 180 and 4026, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Cannabis Policy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to medical marijuana, taxes and other related matters (House, No. 5022) [Representative Frost of Auburn dissenting].

Medical
marijuana,
taxes, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, Nos. 281, 282, 283, 284, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 295, 297, 299 and 301, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to economic development, zoning, and small business matters (House, No. 5027).

Economic
development,
zoning, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, Nos. 507, 512, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534 and 536, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to gaming, gateway municipalities and other related matters (House, No. 5004) [Representative Diggs of Barnstable dissenting].

Gaming
and gateway
municipalities,—
study.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 559, 561, 577, 589, 599, 626, 643 and 697, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to collaboratives, regional schools, vocational technical programs, and transportation (House, No. 5136) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Collaboratives,
regional and
vocation
schools, and
transportation,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to the school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 5038) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
school
committee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Chapter 30B: Uniform Procurement Act (House, No. 5039) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
procurement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the “West County Senior Services District” (House, No. 5068).

Ashfield,—
district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 5081) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Walpole (House, No. 5140) [Local Approval Received].

Walpole,—
charter.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Haverhill Retirement Board to grant credible service to John Farrell (House, No. 5014) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
John Farrell.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hinsdale to continue employment of police chief Susan Rathbun (House, No. 5062) [Local Approval Received].

Hinsdale,—
Susan
Rathbun.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the New Bedford Police Association (House, No. 5066).

New Bedford
Police group.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to real estate transfer fees and senior property tax relief (House, No. 4637) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman and Representatives Garry of Dracut and Turco of Winthrop dissenting].

Boston,—
real estate
transfer fees.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Rhonda Brewster, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 4831) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing certain members of the Webster Fire Department to buy-back eligible retirement service time (see House, No. 3967);

Bills
enacted.

Exempting the position of apprentice lineman in the town of Norwood from the civil service law (see House, No. 4093);

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Haverhill as the Ted and Mary Murphy bridge (see House, No. 4099);

Designating a certain node of the Blackstone River Greenway in the town of Millville as the Margaret M. Carroll memorial greenway access area (see House, No. 4213); and

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

(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.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Providing for tenant member appointment to the board of the Needham Housing Authority (House, No. 4964); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham (House, No. 5100);

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 designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 3102), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Adopt a shelter dog month.

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 the month of October as Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, 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. 3102, 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 Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At nine 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 Thursday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.