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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.

Reports.

Reports

Of the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161 of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and supplementary information for fiscal year 2021; and

MetroWest
Transit
Authority.

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 June, 2022; and

Trial Court,—
summary
process
actions.

A special report of the Rural School Commission established (under Section 22 of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019 and most recently revived and continued by Section 69 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022) to study and make recommendations concerning the long-term fiscal health of rural school districts that are facing or may face declining student enrollment; and

Rural School
Commission,—
long-term
fiscal health.

Quarterly reports

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 contained in Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its fourth quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022; and

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2022;

Plymouth County
Correctional
Facility.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill redesignating certain bridges in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 4319), 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.

Lawrence,—
bridges.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Raynham to suspend the collection of boat excise (Senate, No. 1971) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Raynham,—
boat excise.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Rowley (Senate, No. 2876, amended in section 1 by adding the following sentence: “A special police officer appointed pursuant to this act shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.”; and in section 5, in lines 27, 28 and 29 by striking out the sentence contained in those lines) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Rowley,—
special
police.

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 report of the committee on Education, recommending that the report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (pursuant to Section 1J(a) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting its amended regulations as adopted by the Board to 603 CMR 2.03: Accountability and assistance for school districts and schools (Senate, No. 2999), be placed on file, accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42, and it was accepted, in concurrence.

DESE
regulations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Molly Urquhart an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5230) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Molly
Urquhart,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was 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. 5213). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Bonds,—
terms.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5139, a Bill authorizing the city of Boston to grant five additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of Bolling Municipal Building and Strand Theater (House, No. 5251) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4923, a Bill authorizing the town of Montague to grant one additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5252) [Local Approval Received].

Montague,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4874, a Bill authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5253) [Local Approval Received].

West
Springfield,—
liquor
licenses.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (House, No. 5082) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,—
Michael
Trovato.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to the room occupancy excise of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 5083) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Provincetown,—
room
occupancy.

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

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, Nos. 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 128, 129, 131, 133, 134, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 143, 144, 3829, 3830, 3952 and 4089, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to information technology, the internet and cybersecurity matters (House, No. 5040).

Advanced
Information
Technology, the
Internet and
Cybersecurity,—
study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 306, 384, 845, 847, 848, 849, 850, 853, 854, 855, 858, 859, 861, 863, 865, 866, 867, 874, 875, 877, 881, 882, 883, 884, 886, 888, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 899, 900, 910, 911, 913, 914, 916, 917, 918, 924, 925, 928, 930, 931, 934, 936, 937, 942, 943, 947, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 957, 958, 959, 960, 962, 964, 965, 969, 970, 971, 972, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 984, 985, 986, 987, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 1000, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1015, 1016, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1026, 1027, 1029, 1030, 1668, 3784, 3834, 3836, 3879, 3955, 3956 and 3982, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to environment, natural resources and agriculture matters (House, No. 5041).

Environment,
Natural
Resources and
Agriculture,—
study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 2813, 2814, 2815, 2818, 2819, 2821, 2822, 2823, 2824, 2825, 2832, 2835, 2837, 2838, 2839, 2844, 2845, 2847, 2850, 2852, 2855, 2859, 2861, 2862, 2863, 2864, 2865, 2867, 2868, 2869, 2870, 2872, 2874, 2884, 2900, 2901, 2902, 2903, 2906, 2907, 2908, 2914, 2916, 2919, 2923, 2925, 2927, 2929, 2932, 2933, 2934, 2936, 2937, 2938, 2939, 2944, 2945, 2947, 2948, 2951, 2952 and 2968, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to revenue matters (House, No. 5043).

Revenue,—
study.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, Nos. 3256, 3258, 3259, 3266, 3270, 3272, 3278, 3282, 3291, 3301, 3303, 3305, 3307, 3308, 3311, 3314, 3315, 3316, 3321, 3322, 3323, 3324, 3325, 3326, 3329, 3330, 3348, 3351, 3354, 3355, 3356, 3357, 3359, 3363, 3364, 3368, 3369, 3370, 3371, 3372, 3373, 3850, 3964, 4025, 4045 and 4134, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to telecommunications, utilities and energy matters (House, No. 5042).

Tele-
communications,
Utilities and
Energy,—
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.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Heather Worster, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 4241) (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 the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Andover to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see Senate, No. 2512) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill further regulating a certain property exemption in the town of Hamilton (Senate, No. 2581), having been 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
Authorizing Tisbury to modify fire department employment (House, No. 4622);
and
Designating a certain bridge in the town of Pembroke as the Judith Winsor Smith Memorial Bridge (House, No. 4889);
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 on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.