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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Report.

A report of the Department of Energy Resources (under Section 10 of Chapter 25B of the General Laws) of the effectiveness of energy efficiency in the Commonwealth [a copy of the report was forwarded to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law], was sent to the Senate for its information.

Energy
efficiency.

Petition.

Mr. Vargas of Haverhill presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5278) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Melanie Figueroa be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Haverhill,—
Melanie
Figueroa.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Acton (House, No. 5010) [Local Approval Received];

Acton,—
housing.

Authorizing the Haverhill Retirement Board to grant credible service to John Farrell (House, No. 5014) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
John Farrell.

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]; and

Milford,—
liquor
license.

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.

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

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, on House, No. 5001, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning matters relative to increasing diagnostic testing preparedness (House, No. 5203). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Covid-19,—
diagnostic
testing.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee on Rules, on the foregoing order, then reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5001) of Jon Santiago for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the public and private diagnostic testing infrastructure in the Commonwealth and to make recommendations to increase preparedness for future pandemics, epidemics and emerging pathogens,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 1936, 1938, 1940, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1952, 1956, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1973, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013, 2017, 2021, 2024, 2025, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2031, 2035, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2044, 2045, 2049, 2050, 2052, 2055, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 4119, 4161, 4162 and 4163, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to wages, workers' compensation and other related matters (House, No. 5023).

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
wages and
workers'
compensation.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 2069, 2070, 2071, 2075, 2082, 2085, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2104, 2109, 2111, 2113, 2115, 2120, 2122, 2124, 2126, 2127, 4740 and 4741, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to access to treatment and other related matters (House, No. 5194).

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery,—
treatment
access.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2064, 2073, 2074 and 3962, an Order authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to behavioral health and other related matters (House, No. 5237).

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery,—
behaviors.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 307, 385, 741, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2228, 2229, 2232, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2251, 2252, 2255, 2259, 2269, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2282, 2283, 2287, 2288, 2292, 2293, 2296, 2302, 2303, 2305, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2315, 2321, 2325, 2330, 2334, 2344, 2351, 2352, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2363, 2367, 2369, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2385, 2387, 2396, 2403, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2409, 2412, 4167 and 4220, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public health matters (House, No. 5035) [Senator Rausch dissenting].

Public Health,—
study health
matters.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2222, 2247, 2257, 2258 and 2393, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to school health and other related matters (House, No. 5196).

Public Health,—
school health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2226, 2248, 2281, 2286, 2289, 2291, 2324, 2327, 2332, 2337, 2340, 2346, 2388, 2408 and 3884, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to food labeling, Parkinson's disease and other related matters (House, No. 5197).

Public Health,—
food labeling
and Parkinson's
disease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2233, 2242, 2256, 2295, 2308, 2323, 2368, 2392 and 2402, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to nursing and other related matters (House, No. 5198).

Public Health,—
nursing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2239, 2272, 2274, 2306, 2326, 2336, 2365 and 3797, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to food donation and other related matters (House, No. 5199).

Public Health,—
food donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2250, 2328, 2364 and 2386, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to informed consent and other related matters (House, No. 5202).

Public Health,—
informed
consent.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3375, 3387 and 4120, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tourism funds and library access matters (House, No. 5219).

Tourism, Arts
and Cultural
Development,—
tourism funds
and libraries.

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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Newbury to the select board and amending certain transmittal requirements (Senate, No. 2875) (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; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

House bills

Exempting the deputy police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 4451); and

Id.

Relative to the amendment of section 2-1(a) and section 7-4 of the home rule charter of the city of Methuen (House, No. 4690);

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.

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 six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.