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Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) celebrating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Maynard;

Maynard,—  
anniversary.

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

Gabriel  
Emerson.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Sullivan of Abington) recognizing the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation on its twentieth and final road race, family walk and family day in the town of Abington;

Abington,—  
Jeff Coombs  
Foundation.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Petitions.*

Mrs. Harrington of Groton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4101) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) that the town of Dunstable be authorized to establish the appointed position of town clerk; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Dunstable,—  
town clerk.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Peter J. Durant that employees of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions, whose employment is terminated as a result of failure to comply with an employer's COVID 19 vaccine mandate, shall receive an automatic unpaid leave of absence for two years from the date of termination.

Vaccine  
mandate,—  
leaves of  
absence.

By Ms. Nguyen of Andover, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tram T. Nguyen, Jack Patrick Lewis and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish the Blue-spotted Salamander as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth.

Official state  
amphibian.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas for legislation to establish an exemption from wage and hour restrictions for certain retirees.

Wage restriction,—  
retirees.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill changing the term of office of the mayor in the city known as the town of Agawam to 4 years (Senate, No. 2523) (on Senate bill No. 1367, changed) [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.

Agawam,—  
mayoral term.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2517) of Marc R. Pacheco, Norman J. Orrall, Susan Williams Gifford and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Middleborough to convey certain conservation land in the town;

Middleborough,—  
land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2518) of Marc R. Pacheco, Norman J. Orrall, Susan Williams Gifford and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the treasurer of the town of Middleborough to pay from available funds to Middleborough High School students, parents or guardians amounts paid but not reimbursed for the costs of the 2020 senior trip; and

Middleborough,—  
2020 senior trip.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2524) of Patricia D. Jehlen (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to provide for a gender-neutral charter in the city of Somerville;

Somerville,—  
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to recall of elected officers in the town of Wenham (House, No. 3746) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling.

Wenham,—  
elected officers.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Wilmington as the Trooper Thomas W. Devlin Memorial Bridge and a certain railway platform in the city of Northampton as the Honorable Peter V. Kocot Memorial Station (see House, No. 3942) (which originated in the House), 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.

Bill  
enacted.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

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

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the town of Sudbury to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3895);

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.

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At five 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.