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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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:
That Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton, Straus of Mattapoisett, and Williams of Springfield had been appointed as his designees (under Section 60 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) to the commission to investigate and receive public testimony concerning public entities now in existence or that may be created by statute with the ability to design, permit, construct, operate and maintain passenger rail service that meets the standards of at least one of the final alternatives set forth in the East-West Passenger Rail Study Final Report issued by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in January 2021.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointment:
That Representative Vieira of Falmouth had been appointed as his designee (under Section 19 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2022) to the special legislative commission established to study and report on a suitable memorial to be erected to commemorate Deborah Samson, the official heroine of the Commonwealth during the War of Independence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton) congratulating the Conway School of Landscape Design, Inc. on its fiftieth anniversary, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.
Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Sabadosa, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Ms. Khan of Newton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5280) of Kay Khan and Cynthia Stone Creem (with the approval of the mayor and
city council) that the city of Newton be authorized to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding ninety-nine years; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie A. Hall, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5098, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in line 3 inserting after word “court”, the first time it appears, the words “, to care for her family member”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill further regulating wastewater services in the town of Norfolk (Senate, No. 3113) (on Senate bill No. 2945) [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.

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:

- Establishing the “West County Senior Services District” (House, No. 5068);
- 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]; and
- 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];

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

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, Nos. 2423, 2433, 2435, 2436, 2438, 2444, 2463, 2466, 2473, 2487, 2488, 2493, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2512, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2526, 2533, 2536, 2542, 3728 and 3846, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to firearms and other related matters (House, No. 5190).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2442, 2443, 2455, 2472, 2479 and 2534, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to law enforcement and training and other related matters (House, No. 5193).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2458, 2478, 3798 and 3885, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to public safety services and other related matters (House, No. 5220).
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2441, 2454, 2498, 2510 and 2537, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to building standards and fire safety and other related matters (House, No. 5221).

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on House, Nos. 2875, 2877, 2879, 2880, 2911, 2912, 2935, 2949, 2950, 2953, 2954, 2955, 2957, 2958, 2961, 2962, 2963 and 2966, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to tax credits and abatements and other related matters (House, No. 5200) [Representative Soter of Bellingham dissenting].

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, Nos. 32, 1493, 3103, 3105, 3108, 3119, 3128, 3130, 3131, 3135, 3137, 3146, 3148, 3149, 3159, 3162, 3164, 3169, 3170, 3179, 3185, 3192, 3193, 3201, 3202, 3205, 3209, 3210, 3216, 3219, 3239, 3245, 3246, 3247, 3248, 3249, 3250, 3804, 4043, 4189 and 4227, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state administration and regulatory oversight matters (House, No. 4969) [Senator Rausch dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 7, 3228 and 3229, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to procurement and other matters (House, No. 5255).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3183, 3196 and 4180, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to state administration and regulatory oversight matters (House, No. 5256) [Senator Tarr dissenting].

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3390, 3391, 3393, 3397, 3399, 3404, 3416, 3418, 3421, 3426, 3434, 3437, 3438, 3441, 3444, 3446, 3448, 3452, 3463, 3464, 3468, 3471, 3483, 3485, 3486, 3488, 3489, 3509, 3510, 3513, 3518, 3524, 3525, 3529, 3533, 3536, 3538, 3544, 3557, 3561, 3569, 3580, 3581, 3583, 3584, 3585, 3586, 3589, 3592, 3610, 3614, 3619, 3620, 3624, 3628, 3634 and 4075, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to registration plates and other related matters (House, No. 4966).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3401, 3443, 3445, 3497, 3501, 3543, 3546, 3562, 3574, 3587 and 3629, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to road conditions and other related matters (House, No. 5005) [Representatives Howitt of Seekonk, Orrall of Lakeville and DeCoste of Norwell dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3263, 3405, 3424, 3475, 3478, 3492, 3508, 3522, 3530, 3541, 3625 and 4184, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to miscellaneous transportation matters (House, No. 5212).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 101, 3427 and 3892, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transportation contracts and other related matters (House, No. 5218).
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.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (House, No. 5172) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Bedford as the Major Barry Allan Seidman, USAF memorial bridge (see House, No. 4446), 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.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Newbury to the select board and amending certain transmittal requirements (see Senate, No. 2875) (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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Southbridge to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2818), 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.

House bills
Relative to private street betterment assessments in the city of Worcester (House, No. 4327); and
Exempting the police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 4452);
Severally having been 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 Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

At ten 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.