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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Galvin of Canton) congratulating Steven P. Rose on his retirement from the Avon Board of Selectmen, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Steven
Rose.

Mr. Galvin, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5282) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Rehoboth,—
stormwater
officer.

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5283) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Lauren Bonnell be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Haverhill,—
Lauren
Bonnell.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Devers of Lawrence presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcos A. Devers relative to language requirements for hoisting machinery license examinations; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Hoisting
license
examinations.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin water district (Senate, No. 3116) (on Senate bill No. 2938) [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.

Northfield,—
water district.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3114) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3115) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the increase of a tax exemption for eligible veterans in the town of Tewksbury;

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

Tewksbury,—
senior tax
exemptions.

Tewksbury,—
veteran tax
exemptions.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, Nos. 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 453, 454, 455, 457, 458, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 468, 469, 473, 474, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491 and 492 and House, Nos. 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 771, 775, 776, 779, 780, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 822, 823, 825, 827, 828, 831, 832, 833, 834, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 843, 844, 3719, 3783, 3833, 3878, 3939, 3950, 3983, 3990, 4033, 4061, 4139, 4140 and 4141, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to voting, elections, election security and other election related matters (House, No. 5026).

Voting,
elections,
election
security,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 1077, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to bankruptcy (House, No. 5165) [Representative Kerans of Danvers dissenting].

Bankruptcy,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1144, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to foreclosure alternatives (House, No. 5166) [Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester dissenting].

Foreclosure
alternatives,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1036, 1047, 1049, 1058, 1071, 1075, 1079, 1103, 1120, 1156, 1204, 1206, 1207, 1221, 1226 and 1229, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to insurance rates, benefits and other insurance issues (House, No. 5167).

Insurance
issues,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4146, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to healthcare insurance coverage (House, No. 5168).

Healthcare
coverage,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1063, 1171 and 1173, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to ambulance services and dental benefits (House, No. 5208) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Ambulance
services and
dental care,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4034, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to insulin access (House, No. 5209) [Representative LeBoeuf of Worcester dissenting].

Insulin
access,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1098 and 1196, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health insurance coverage for colon cancer screening and abortion-related care (House, No. 5210).

Colon cancer, abortion care insurance,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1118, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to insurance deductibles (House, No. 5211) [Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Boldyga of Southwick dissenting].

Insurance deductibles,— study.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 43, 61, 1304, 2573, 2574, 2593, 2597, 2623, 2636, 2696, 2706, 2722, 2724, 2808 and 4170, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to credible service, divestment, pensions, benefits and retirement (House, No. 5206) [Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville dissenting].

Credible service, etc.,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3904, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to a sick leave bank (House, No. 5207).

Sick leave bank,— 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.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the town of Danvers (see House, No. 5162), 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.

Danvers,— land.

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 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

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) (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 the town of Southbridge to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2818) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Shrewsbury to the select board (see House, No. 5011) (which 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.

The Senate still further amendments to the House further amendment of the House Bill to reduce traffic fatalities (House, No. 5103, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Traffic fatalities,—
reduce.

House bills

Relative to the Ware Fire Department (House, No. 2774);

Authorizing the Berkshire County Retirement System to retire Chad Shimmon, a uniformed member of the town of Great Barrington police department (House, No. 4621); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Dedham to continue the employment of William Spillane as chief of the fire department (House, No. 4998);

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.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill to reduce traffic fatalities (see House, No. 5103, amended) (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.

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 twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (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.