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Thursday, September 15, 2022.

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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Dr. Kayla Baehr of Newton as his designee (under Section 16 of Chapter 70 of the General Laws) to the Twenty-First Century Education Advisory Council.

Education
advisory
council.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrett of North Adams) in recognition of Anne Nemetz-Carlson on her retirement;

Anne
Nemetz-Carlson.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Sadosa of Northampton and other members of the House) commending the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Inc. on its fortieth anniversary;

Food Bank
of Western
Massachusetts.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Sullivan of Abington) commemorating the one hundredth birthday of Adele Dombrowski of Abington; and

Adele
Dombrowski.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth, Peake of Provincetown, Fernandes of Falmouth, Whelan of Brewster, Diggs of Barnstable and Xiarhos of Barnstable) commending Leadership Cape Cod's Community Leadership Institute on its thirtieth anniversary;

Community
Leadership
Cape Cod.

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

Order.

The following order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Public Service be granted until Saturday, December 31, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 5192.

Public Service
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5289) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of

Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Secretary of Health and Human Services (see Section 30 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022) submitting an update on the progress towards achieving the goals of the comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination equity plan;

COVID-19,—
vaccination
equity plan.

From the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (see Section 55 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a preliminary report regarding the mobility mitigation plan to address the closure of the Central Square-Lynn station in the city of Lynn; and

MBTA,—
Central Square-
Lynn station
closure.

From the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (see Section 12 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its annual report describing the formation and current status of said company [a copy of said report was forwarded to the Speaker of the House, as required by said law];

Capital
Resource
Company.

Severally were placed on file.

Petition.

Representatives Barber of Somerville and Connolly of Cambridge presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5291) of Christine P. Barber, Mike Connolly and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to establish a net zero standard for newly constructed buildings and major renovation projects; and the same was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Somerville,—
net zero
standard.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of John J. Cronin and Natalie M. Higgins for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Clara Bett, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Clara Bett,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3117) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Jessica Ann Giannino for legislation to further regulate the examining and licensing of pipefitters. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Pipefitters,—
exams.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Covid-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, on a recommitted petition, a Bill increasing diagnostic testing preparedness (House, No. 5001). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Diagnostic testing.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5213), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonds.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire department member Lloyd Grover (Senate, No. 3111) [Local Approval Received]; and

Bernardston,—
Lloyd Grover.

House bills

Relative to Historic District Commission in the town of Sudbury (House, No. 5037, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Sudbury,—
commission.

Relative to the school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 5038) [Local Approval Received]; and

Revere,—
school board.

Authorizing the town of Acton to increase the residency limit for members of its police and fire departments (House, No. 5172) [Local Approval Received];

Acton,—
residency.

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

Reports of the committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling, under the provisions of the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Marblehead to amend the general bylaws to add a new chapter 175, Elections regarding the order of candidates [sic] names on ballot (printed as Senate, No. 3027) [Local Approval Received]; and

Marblehead,—
candidates.

Authorizing the town of Dudley to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5015) [Local Approval Received];

Dudley,—
liquor
licenses.

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

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on House, No. 188, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to adoptions for children

Adoptions,—
study.

in Department of Children and Families custody (House, No. 4893) [Representative Berthiaume of Spencer dissenting].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 189, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to adoption rights (House, No. 4895) [Representative Berthiaume of Spencer dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 190, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to placement of children in foster care (House, No. 4896) [Representative Berthiaume of Spencer dissenting].

Foster care,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 191, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to fostering of children (House, No. 4903) [Representative Berthiaume of Spencer dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 209, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to discharges of individuals from incarceration or residential treatment (House, No. 4904) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].

Incarcerated
persons
discharges,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 183, 257 and 269, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to child support, custody decisions and income calculation (House, No. 4905).

Child
support,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 233 and 270, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to healthy incentive programs and autism education reform (House, No. 4906).

Autism
reform,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 239, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Department of Children and Families reports (House, No. 4907) [Senator Rausch dissenting].

Children
and families
reports,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 228 and 234, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to at-risk children and community service offices (House, No. 5261) [Senator Eldridge dissenting].

At-risk
students,—
study.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 4913, 4951 and 4957, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to consumer protection and professional licensure matters (House, No. 5262).

Consumer
protection and
professional
licensure,—
study.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 201, 203, 235, 268, 451, 722, 1039, 1040, 1042, 1043, 1045, 1053, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1060, 1061, 1069, 1083, 1087, 1090, 1091, 1095, 1096, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1125, 1132, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1148, 1154, 1155, 1177, 1191, 1192, 1194, 1199, 1201, 1202, 1217, 1228, 1235, 1237, 1240, 1244, 1261, 1267, 1291, 1299, 1303, 1308, 1312, 1317, 1517, 1947, 2225, 2246, 2266, 2270, 2297, 2298, 2319,

Health care
finance and
policy,—
study.

2342, 2343, 2371, 2380, 2382, 2461, 2462, 2468, 2481, 2615, 3537, 3635, 3781, 3880, 3881, 3959, 4145, 4268, 4466, 4495, 4514, 4547, 4558, 4584, 4640, 4641, 4642, 4645 and 4748, an Order authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health care finance and policy (House, No. 5222).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3154, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to commissions in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4490) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Commissions,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3168, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Commonwealth building projects (House, No. 4491) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Commonwealth
buildings,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3181, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to remote work arrangements (House, No. 4492) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Remote
work,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3251, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to overdose awareness day (House, No. 4855).

Overdose
awareness
day,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3099, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to health and safety on public construction projects (House, No. 4856) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Public
construction,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3113, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to public construction projects (House, No. 4857) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3132, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to cyber security within government agencies (House, No. 4858) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Cyber
security,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3136, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to fraud in public construction contracts (House, No. 4859) [Representative Robinson of Framingham dissenting].

Public
construction
fraud,—
study.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3374, 3381, 3384 and 3388, 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 artists, national heritage areas, and tourism (House, No. 4967).

Artists, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3551 and 3563, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to used vehicle sales and interchange improvements (House, No. 5258).

Used vehicles, etc.,—study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 852 and 4445, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to idling time and glass standards (House, No. 5259).

Idling time and glass standards,—study.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Relative to property tax exemptions for affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the city of Salem restricted as affordable housing (see House, No. 4300); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the city of Watertown to acquire property in the city of Waltham (see House, No. 5100);

(Which severally 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.

Senate bills

Authorizing 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 (Senate, No. 2518); and

Third reading bills.

Exempting a certain affordable housing project in the city of Brockton from public procurement laws (Senate, No. 2864);

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, in concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Upton to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4755), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill designating September as polycystic ovary syndrome awareness month (House, No. 3735) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in

Polycystic ovary syndrome month.

the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith the month of September as Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Awareness Month, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3735, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham (House, No. 4999), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Dedham,—
police
officers.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in section 1, in line 1, by inserting after the following: “58A” the following: “of chapter 31 of the General Laws”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4999, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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.

Next
sitting.

At twenty minutes before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.