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Wednesday, September 22, 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.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Michlewitz of Boston) congratulating Howard Merkowitz on the occasion of his retirement as Deputy Comptroller for the Commonwealth, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Howard  
Merkowitz.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4123) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the audit committee of the town of Nantucket. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Nantucket,—  
audit  
committee.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4124) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Tisbury be authorized to continue the employment of certain employees of said town's fire department notwithstanding the mandatory retirement age. To the committee on Public Service.

Tisbury,—  
fire  
department.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

## *Paper from the Senate.*

A petition of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to authorize the county of Plymouth to issue pension obligation bonds or notes, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Plymouth  
County,—  
bonds.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2539) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*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 Patricia A. Duffy relative to the use of marijuana or marijuana products on the premises of where said products are sold. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Cannabis Policy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Marijuana,—  
point of  
sale use.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C), an Order relative to special procedures for consideration by the House of the proposed Order to safeguard the health of House Members and employees during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic (House, No. 4121) [for order, see House, No. 4122]. The order was adopted.

COVID-19  
House  
safeguards,—  
special  
procedures.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, (under the provisions of House Rule 7C), an Order to safeguard the health of House Members and employees during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic (House, No. 4121).

COVID-19  
House  
safeguards.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, further consideration thereof was postponed, on further motion of the same member, until the following day and specially assigned to the hour of one o'clock P.M.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 201) of Marjorie C. Decker, Jon Santiago and Lindsay N. Sadosa relative to health care research and decision-making centered on patients and persons with disabilities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Patients,—  
decision-  
making.

By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the Dukes County Sheriff's regional lockup fund (House, No. 2155).

Dukes County  
Sheriff,—  
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford Select Board to dedicate two parcels of land currently held by the conservation commission for the Beaver Brook Road bridge improvement project (House, No. 4076) [Local Approval Received].

Westford—  
bridge.

Severally read; and referred under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2489) of the House Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 3863),— recommending passage of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4118),— be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on acceptance.

Reprecincting.

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 changing the term of office of the mayor in the city known as the town of Agawam to 4 years (Senate, No. 2523) [Local Approval Received]; and House bills

Establishing the official dinosaur of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3190); and Designating the Department of Unemployment Assistance building in the city of Brockton as the C. Gerald Lucey building (House, No. 4024);

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Agawam,—  
mayor.

Dinosaur.—  
Brockton,—  
Lucey.

*Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill relative to the residency requirement for the executive assistant in the town of Hudson (House, No. 3919), 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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Representatives Cronin of Easton and Vitolo of Brookline then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Gary D. Jones, a member of the House from Middleborough in 1975 and 1976; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.