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Thursday, September 22, 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.

## *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Gary David DiScipio, who passed away early Sunday, June 12, 2022, after a brief illness, surrounded by his family.

Gary  
David  
DiScipio.

Mr. DiScipio moved to Topsfield in 1979, from Swampscott, and was a resident of Topsfield for 43 years. Affectionately known as "The Walker" around town, he took great pride in raising his three children and four grandchildren in Topsfield.

Mr. DiScipio, originally from Lynn, born on July 25, 1939, grew up on Mudge Street. He attended Lynn English High School and graduated as a member of the class of 1957. After a year in the Naval Reserves, he went on to own and operate used car lots across the North Shore including in Peabody and Amesbury. He had a magical way of knowing what every car was, from year to make and model. Also, he could tell you any detail you did not want to know about it. He loved all things automotive and his passion led him to a successful career.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill to reduce traffic fatalities [see House, No. 5103, amended] (for message, see House, No. 5298), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, September 21.

Traffic  
fatalities.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge and Owens of Watertown) recognizing Ilse Heyman on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, September 17, 2022;

Ilse  
Heyman.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Fluker Oakley of Boston) recognizing September 2022 as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; and

Sickle Cell  
Disease month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough) honoring James “Jim” D. McKenna for his many years of service to the town of North Attleborough;

James  
McKenna.

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

#### *Monthly Reports.*

##### Monthly reports

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the September 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report; and

Unemployment  
Insurance  
Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report of the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of August, 2022;

Trial Court,—  
summary  
process  
actions.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5299) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Eastham be authorized to establish the Eastham community fund for the purposes of providing human service support, emergency financial assistance, and for the general well-being of its residents;

Eastham,—  
fund.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5300) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Eastham; and

Eastham,—  
housing.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5301) of Sarah K. Peake and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a housing trust fund in the town of Eastham.

Id.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *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 Peter J. Durant for legislation to authorize the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered

Nelson  
Burlingame,—  
retirement.

forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding ninety-nine years (House, No. 5280) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Newton,—  
West Newton  
Armory.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5214, a Bill authorizing the town of Norton to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5302) [Local Approval Received].

Norton,—  
liquor  
licenses.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough board of selectmen (House, No. 5216) [Local Approval Received].

Lanesborough,—  
select  
board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill abolishing the town of Hardwick Sewer Commission and delegating to the select board control over the Hardwick sewer redevelopment project (House, No. 5241) [Local Approval Received].

Hardwick,—  
sewer  
commission.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the position of the treasurer-collector in the town of Hardwick (House, No. 5242) [Local Approval Received].

Hardwick,—  
treasurer-  
collector.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill relating to the retirement classification of certain employees of the town of Belmont (House, No. 5217) [Local Approval Received].

Belmont,—  
retirement  
classification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill directing the Northampton Retirement Board to grant creditable service to William Dwight (House, No. 5232) [Local Approval Received].

Northampton,—  
William  
Dwight.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 770, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning voting rights in municipal elections to noncitizen voters (House, No. 5058) [Senator Eldridge and Representative Vitolo of Brookline dissenting].

Noncitizens  
voting,—  
study.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1101, 2065, 2083, 2116, 2119, 2125, 2316, 3664, 4813 and 4814, an Order relative to 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. 5281).

Health care  
finance and  
policy,—  
study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1334, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning a study of the availability of online courses (House, No. 5059) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Online  
courses,—  
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on Senate, Nos. 1010, 1219, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1279, 1286, 1289, 1299, 1307, 1308, 1313, 1314 and 2454 and House, Nos. 2068, 2072, 2077, 2078, 2080, 2086, 2087, 2091, 2093, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2107, 2108, 2110,

Opioids,  
substance  
abuse, etc.,—  
study.

2112, 2118, 2121, 3791, 4164 and 4165, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning opioids, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, recovery homes and other mental health, substance use and recovery related issues (House, No. 5225).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2123, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning health professionals with substance use disorders (House, No. 5226) [Representative DuBois of Brockton dissenting].

Health professionals,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1261, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document concerning a special commission on racism and mental health (House, No. 5227).

Racism and mental health,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1262, 1263 and 1265, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain Senate documents concerning mental health, recovery homes and life saving treatment (House, No. 5228) [Senator Collins dissenting].

Mental health and treatment,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1290, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document relative to a commission to accept insurance for outpatient mental health (House, No. 5229) [Senator Keenan dissenting].

Outpatient mental health,— study.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on House, No. 2514, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning police pursuits (House, No. 5238).

Police pursuits,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2518, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning use of helmets for equine riders and drivers (House, No. 5239).

Equine riders,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2424, 2450 and 3868, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning emergency powers of the Governor, school bus incident protocols and aging nuclear power plants (House, No. 5240).

Emergency powers, etc.,— study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1858, 1861, 1891, 1898, 1901, 1929 and 1962 and House, Nos. 2811, 2812, 2834, 2878, 2887, 2964, 2965, 2985, 2999, 3030 and 3052, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to student loans (House, No. 4894) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Student loans,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1940 and House, No. 2920, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document and a certain House document relative to tax matters (House, No. 4934).

Tax matters,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3026, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning property tax notification (House, No. 4936) [Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville dissenting].

Property tax notifications,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2851 and 2931, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning regulating tax revenue and private higher education excise tax (House, No. 5243) [Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville dissenting].

Tax revenue  
etc.,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2809, 2817, 2913, 2926 and 2970, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning veterans' tax exemptions, credit and savings (House, No. 5244) [Senator Timilty dissenting].

Veterans' tax  
issues,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1854, 1855, 1862 and 1863 and House, Nos. 2971, 2975, 2991, 2992, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3010, 3013, 3014, 3015, 3016, 3017, 3018, 3019, 3020, 3024, 3025, 3031, 3032, 3051, 3054, 3056, 3063, 3064, 3065, 3066, 3068, 3070, 3071, 3072, 3087, 3096, 3906, 4174 and 4177, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning tax exemptions, sales tax, tax credits and sales tax holiday (House, No. 5245) [Senator Fattman and Representative Soter of Bellingham dissenting].

Tax exemptions,  
etc.,—  
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.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate still further amendment of the House further amendment of the Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to municipal light plant participation in green communities (House, No. 4351, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Municipal  
light plants.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Julie A. Hall, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 5098), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Julie Hall,—  
sick leave.

#### House bills

Authorizing the town of Shutesbury to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4559); and

Establishing a charter for the town of Brewster (House, No. 4738);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bills.

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 5213), having been certified by

Bond,—  
terms.

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 3 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.*

Engrossed bills

Relative to designating certain portions of Interstate Highway Route 495 as the Susannah North Martin Highway (see Senate, No. 3015) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Leicester to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of Rutland police detective and town of Leicester resident John D. Songy (see House, No. 3989);

Relative to municipal light plant participation in green communities (see House, No. 4351, amended);

Providing for the layout and acceptance of certain ways by the city of Attleboro (see House, No. 4355); and

Amending the charter of the city of Lynn (see House, No. 4623);

(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.

*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.

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At eighteen 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.