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Thursday, October 7, 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.

Special Recognition.

On behalf of the Speaker, all of the members of the House and the staff of the House Clerk's office, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) recognized Mary Gibson of Dedham and congratulated her on her 7 years of exemplary service to the House of Representatives, thanked her for her dedicated work as a member of the staff of the House Clerk's office for the past 6 years; and wished her the very best of luck at Suffolk University and in all of her future endeavors.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Fiola of Fall River and other members of the House) commending artists, community groups and organizations for celebrating October 2021 as National Arts and Humanities Month, 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 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.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2548) of Walter F. Timilty, William C. Galvin and Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Stoughton to transfer certain park property in exchange for acquisition and dedication of other land to park purposes, 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, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) that the town of Nantucket be authorized to designate the Nantucket

Pledge of allegiance.

Mary Gibson.

National Arts and Humanities Month.

Stoughton, park property.

Nantucket, housing. Housing Authority as the agency authorized to create, administer and enforce housing needs covenants in said town. To the committee on Housing.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing. To the committee on Revenue.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B then was suspended, in each instance. Severally 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 providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying real estate in the town of Hamilton (Senate, No. 1362) [Local Approval Received]; and

House bills

Requiring automatic external defibrillators in Norfolk County public buildings (House, No. 2160);

Relative to the department of public works in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3918) [Local Approval Received];

Providing for the appointment of a treasurer/collector in the town of Rehoboth (House, No. 3970) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to utility improvements on private roads in the town of Eastham (House, No. 3986) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 10 and on a part of House, No. 9, a Bill relative to pension forfeiture (House, No. 10).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 11 and on a part of House, No. 9, a Bill relative to veterans' buyback (House, No. 11).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 12 and on a part of House, No. 9, a Bill relative to the recovery of overearnings (House, No. 12).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 13 and on a part of House, No. 9, a Bill relative to wages (House, No. 13).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 14 and on a part of House, No. 9, a Bill relative to modifications of retirement allowances (House, No. 14).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 44 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill requiring investment equity (House, No. 44).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 45 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts State Employees Retirement System (House, No. 45).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 46 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to group classification (House, No. 46).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 47 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to eligible prior service (House, No. 47).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 49 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to benefit options related to judicial retirement (House, No. 49).

Nantucket, transfer fee.

Hamilton, tax exemption.

Defibrillators.

Westborough, public works.

Rehoboth, treasurer, etc.

Eastham, private roads.

Pension forfeiture. Veterans' buyback.

Overearnings.

Wages.

Retirement allowances.

Investment equity.

State employees, retirement.

Group classification.

Eligible prior service.

Judicial retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 50 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to the use of electronic signatures under Chapter 32 (House, No. 50).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 51 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to joint and last survivor allowance for judicial retirement benefits (House, No. 51).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 52 and on a part of House, No. 25, a Bill relative to the pro rating of creditable service (House, No. 52).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Parkinson's disease disability and death in firefighters (House, No. 2648).

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill classifying the death of city of Lawrence police patrolman Jacob Eyssi (House, No. 3910) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill further regulating the membership of the board of trustees of the Woburn Public Library Corporation (House, No. 3820) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

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

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Electronic signatures.

Judicial retirement.

Creditable service.

Firefighters,— Parkinson's disease.

Lawrence,— Jacob Eyssi.

Third reading bill.

Next sitting.