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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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. Donato), 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 Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of former Representative Max Volterra of Attleboro, 86, who passed away on Monday, October 3. He was elected to the House in 1970 and served until 1978 when he resigned to become Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Michael Dukakis.

Former
Representative
Max Volterra.

After the conclusion of his state service, Max returned to Attleboro where he became a pillar of the local community serving on many city boards and commissions.

Prior to his election to the House he served as City Solicitor and as a member of the Attleboro City Council.

Max was also very involved in a number of non-profit activities, including tutoring students at the Attleboro Literacy Center, volunteering at the Attleboro Arts Museum, as well as serving on the Boards of Directors of the Bristol Community College (BCC) Foundation and the Sturdy Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Max operated a successful law practice in Attleboro for more than 50 years. In addition, he was a very active and involved member of his temple, Congregation Agudas Achim.

In addition to his wife, Max is survived by two children, Hannah Francis and Joel Volterra, and three grandchildren, Owen Francis, Sonja Francis and Ava Volterra.

Guest of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, John Zahlaway of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the brother of Representative Belsito. He was the guest of Ms. Belsito of Topsfield.

John
Zahlaway.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Miss Garry of Dracut) recognizing Dracut Access Television's Importance on Community Media Day, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Dracut
Access
Television.

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

Reports of Committees.

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

Authorizing Melanie Figueroa to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5278) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—
Melanie
Figueroa.

Authorizing Lauren Bonnell to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5283) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—
Lauren
Bonnell.

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

Report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the provisions of the last sentence of Rule 7A, that House Bill relative to Chapter 30B: uniform procurement act (House, No. 5039) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Boston,—
procurements.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 214, 215, 238, 264, 370, 604, 732, 743, 1239, 1243, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1255, 1257, 1258, 1263, 1264, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1277, 1286, 1289, 1292, 1296, 1298, 1305, 1314, 1315, 2260, 2262, 2304, 2394, 3696 and 4465, 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 financing and health policy (House, No. 5201) [Senator O'Connor dissenting].

Health care
financing and
health policy,—
study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 1352, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to higher education financing (House, No. 5346).

Higher
education
financing,—
study.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 4434, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to recreation vehicles in Holyoke (House, No. 5325).

Recreation
vehicles,—
study.

By Mr. Cutler of Pembroke, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 1953, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to labor and workforce development (House, No. 5347) [Senator Timilty dissenting].

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4202, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to labor and workforce development (House, No. 5348).

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1979 and 4647, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to labor and workforce development (House, No. 5349).

Id.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, No. 2092, 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 relative to mental health, substance use and recovery (House, No. 5350).

Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery,— study.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 1281 and 2711, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to supplemental health benefit plans and pensions for children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty (House, No. 5340).

Health benefit plans and pensions,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4439, 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. 5341).

Sick leave,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4568, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the Hampden County Regional Retirement System (House, No. 5342).

Hampden County Regional Retirement System,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4658, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to creditable service to Bernard Wheeler (House, No. 5343).

Creditable service,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4890, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to creditable service to Michael Cioper (House, No. 5344).

Id.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 868 and 1853 and House, Nos. 1377, 2890 and 2895, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to transfer and deeds fees (House, No. 5351) [Senators Hinds, Crighton and Rausch dissenting].

Transfer and deeds fees,— study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 788 and 1823 and House, Nos. 2846, 2888, 2922, 2979, 3035, 3043 and 3090, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to seniors and caregiver revenue matters (House, No. 5352) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Seniors and caregiver revenue,— 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.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Eastham (House, No. 5301, changed in section 2, in line 50, by striking out the word

Eastham,— housing trust fund.

“compromise” and inserting in place thereof the word “comprise”) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Tucker of Salem, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth (House, No. 5282) [Local Approval Received].

Rehoboth,—
stormwater
officer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Concord to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 5294) [Local Approval Received].

Concord,—
bag fee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the Eastham community fund in the town of Eastham (House, No. 5299) [Local Approval Received].

Eastham,—
community
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Eastham (House, No. 5300) [Local Approval Received].

Eastham,—
funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum of money to the estate of George J. Rotondo, Jr. (House, No. 5329) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
George
Rotondo.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Further regulating public safety in the city of Somerville. (see Senate, No. 1596);
Authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire department member Lloyd Grover (see Senate, No. 3111);

Bills
enacted.

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Authorizing the town of Mendon to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3901);

Changing the number of members of the insurance advisory committee for the town of Milford (see House, No. 4275);

Authorizing the city of Salem to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4665); and

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4668, amended);

(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.

House bills

Establishing right whale day (House, No. 3869) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third
reading
bills.

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); and

Relative to the employment contract for the director of public works in the town of Upton (House, No. 5191);

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.

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.

Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Max Volterra, a member of the House from Attleboro from 1971 to 1978, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.