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Thursday, October 20, 2022.

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.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and at the request of Mr. Rogers of Norwood, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Cassandra "Cassie" Jerome of Norwood.

Cassandra  
"Cassie"  
Jerome.

Ms. Jerome began her career in March 2016, first serving Boston, then transferring to Coastal and landing in Brockton where she served the community for the past three years as an adolescent worker.

Always facing challenges with a smile on her face and quick joke, Ms. Jerome is described as a "Firecracker" and "Good Human" by her peers. The love of her family, her husband and children, was always her driving force. She was dedicated to her clients, and went above and beyond ensuring they received proper services, attention and time.

All of our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Jerome, her family, the community, clerical staff and Management, and our Brothers and Sisters of Local 509 in this time of grief.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Coppinger of Boston) congratulating Nathan Louis Johnson on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Nathan  
Johnson.

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

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its prohibited items and locations report;

DTA,—  
items and locations.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the first

Pharmaceutical  
pipeline  
drugs.

quarterly report summarizing the projected total costs for the next fiscal year of pharmaceutical pipeline drugs identified by said office and expected to be made available for utilization within a 12-month period from the submission date of the filed report;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the second quarterly report summarizing the projected total costs for the next fiscal year of pharmaceutical pipeline drugs identified by said office and expected to be made available for utilization within a 12-month period from the submission date of the filed report;

From the Department of Veterans' Services (see item 1410-0015 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the final report of the Women Veterans' Network Study on the changing needs of women veterans;

From the Secretary of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0601 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the MassHealth Medicare Savings Program Report;

From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-0028 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting a report relative to social emotional learning grants;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 1599-2026 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the Behavioral Health and Primary Care Loan Repayment Report; and

From the Secretary for Administration and Finance (see Section 81 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) submitting the third quarterly report ensuring that the coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund monies received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, comply with applicable federal law, including statutes, regulations, and sub-regulatory guidance;

Severally were placed on file.

Id.

Women Veterans' Network.

MassHealth,— Medicare Savings Program.

Social learning grants.

Behavioral health and primary care loan repayments.

ARPA,— fiscal recovery fund.

### *Reports.*

#### Annual reports

Of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (under Section 15 of Chapter 23I of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and reports required for audits performed in accordance with government auditing standards for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2022 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, as required by said law];

Of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (under Section 370 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws) relative to school bullying data (school years 2017-18 through 2020-21) [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committees on Education and the Judiciary, as required by said law]; and

Of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (under Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) on the activity, revenue and expenditures to and from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund in fiscal year 2022; and

The report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Section 2(B)(o) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children Work Participation Report [copies of said report

Life Sciences Center,— financial statements and report.

School bullying data.

Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund.

DTA,— Families with dependent children work participation.

were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

*Order.*

The following order (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) 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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until Friday, December 16, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House document numbered 5291.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5357) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Telecommunication  
s, Utilities  
and Energy  
committee,—  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

*Papers from the Senate.*

*Bills*

Amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board (Senate, No. 3128) (on Senate bill No. 2593, change) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing for a gender-neutral charter in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 3129) (on Senate bill No. 2524) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tewksbury,—  
select board.

Somerville,—  
charter.

*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:

Relating to the retirement classification of certain employees of the town of Belmont (House, No. 5217) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Kenneth Ouimette (House, No. 5295) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Randell Williams (House, No. 5296) [Local Approval Received]; and

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];

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

Belmont,—  
retirement.

Conway,—  
Kenneth Ouimette.

Conway,—  
Randell Williams.

Revere,—  
George Rotondo.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill [sic] clarify the existing pipefitting exemption (House, No. 5292). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pipefitters,—  
licensing.

*Engrossed Bills.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the leasing of a certain parcel of land in the city of Gardner (see House, No. 4980) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to Revere and Son Heritage Trust Corporation (see House, No. 5054, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Id.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the school department in the city of Westfield (House, No. 5156), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Westfield,—  
land.

House bills

Designating the last day of February as rare disease day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3101); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Provincetown to continue the employment of Michael Trovato (House, No. 5082);

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.

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The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to step therapy and patient safety (House, No. 4929), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was considered.

Step therapy.

Pending the question on concurring with the Senate in its amendment, Mr. Lawn of Watertown moved that the House concur with the Senate amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5358. The further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Fall River Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land to Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc. (Senate, No. 2503) (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.

Fall River Housing Authority,—  
land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5360.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2503, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Senate to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill establishing the position of town manager in the town of Tyngsborough (House, No. 4484), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Tyngsborough,—  
town manager.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5359), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Molly Shahvari (House, No. 5345), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Molly  
Shahvari,—  
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it in line 2 by striking out the words “Office of Medicaid” and inserting in place thereof the words “executive office of health and human services”, in line 3 by striking out the words “Office of Medicaid”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word “office”; and

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 a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the office of Medicaid, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5345, 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.

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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.