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Thursday, October 27, 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.

Appointments of the Speaker and the Minority Leader.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed James B. Lampert, Esq. of Duxbury as his designee (under Section 14 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016) to the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel; and

Nuclear
decommission
panel.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Representative Soter of Bellingham as his designee (under Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws) to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission.

Tax Expenditure
Review
Commission.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. Haddad of Somerset) congratulating Mary Arruda on achieving the rank of Gold Award with the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mary
Arruda.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Haddad, 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 Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(a) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) providing an updated status on the filing of the 2022 Statutory Basis Financial Report, which has been delayed pending passage of the supplemental appropriation bill;

Statutory Basis
Financial
Report.

From the University of Massachusetts Medical School (see Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the activities of the MassBiologics Laboratories for fiscal year 2022; and

MassBiologics
Laboratory,—
activities.

From the Office of Medicaid (see Section 6 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) on the previous year's activities of the Medical Care Advisory Committee, including the addendas and materials for MCAC meetings in the calendar year 2022;

Medicare Care
Advisory
Committee.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual, Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022;

Pioneer Valley
Transit
Authority.

Of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022; and

Id.

Of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (under Section 31 of Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017) submitting a fifth annual activities report; and

Cannabis
commission.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the third quarter of calendar year 2022; and

Plymouth County
Correctional
Facility.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 2(c) of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting 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 September, 2022;

Trial Court,—
summary
process
actions.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Mr. Jones of North Reading presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5367) Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr and Sally P. Kerans (by vote of the town) that the town of Middleton be authorized to grant eight additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Middleton,—
liquor
licenses.

Representative Vargas of Haverhill and Senator DiZoglio presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Andres X. Vargas and Diana DiZoglio for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brittany S. Ketcham, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Brittany
Ketcham,—
sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the city of Eastham (House, No. 3794) (its title having being changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 6, in line 80, inserting after the word "town" the words "and on the town's website", in lines 218 and 219, striking out the following: " , 1 of whom shall be appointed under the authority of the commonwealth and 4 of whom shall be elected", in line 665, striking out the figures: "100" and inserting in place thereof the following: "Not less than 100"; and in line 708, inserting after the word "voters" the words "voting in such election". The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Eastham,—
charter.

A Bill relative to the town administrator in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 3127) (on Senate bill No. 2628) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Milton,—
town
administrator.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to sexual assault counselor task force (House, No. 4330), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill establishing a task force on sexual assault counselors (House, No. 5363). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sexual assault
counselors,—
task force.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Whipps of Athol, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been 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, its title having been changed by said committee to read: "An Act establishing a task force on sexual assault counsellors. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 1563), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5364). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Service
animals.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Whipps of Athol, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the 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), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 5365). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

West Newton
Armory.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House with the amendment pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Whipps of Athol, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

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

Senate bills

Amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2562) [Local Approval Received]; and

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

The House Bill relative to voting precincts in the city of Revere (House, No. 5328) [Local Approval Received];

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

Wareham,—
charter.

Somerville,—
charter.

Revere,—
precincts.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to ranked choice voting in the city of Northampton (House, No. 4885) [Local Approval Received];

To prohibit landlords and brokers from requiring broker's commissions to be paid by a tenant or prospective tenant (House, No. 4886) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing the North Bedford Street sewer district in the town of East Bridgewater (House, No. 4971) [Local Approval Received];

An Act relative to the procedure for municipal acceptance of subdivision roads in the town of East Bridgewater (House, No. 4972) [Local Approval Received]; and

Authorizing remote participation at town meetings in the town of Wayland (House, No. 4985) [Local Approval Received];

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

Northampton,—
voting.

Northampton,—
commission.

East
Bridgewater.

Id.

Wayland,—
town meetings.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 117, 1479, 1530, 1616, 1643, 1644, 1709, 1819, 1826, 1832, 1900, 1901, 1904, 1905, 1908 and 4347, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to victims of crimes, abuse prevention, and other related matters (House, No. 5173). 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 asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Judiciary,—
study.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the Worcester Regional Retirement System to grant creditable service to Nelson Burlingame (House, No. 5322). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Worcester,—
Nelson
Burlingame.

Orders of the Day.

Senate bills

Establishing a special fund for recaptured funds from demolition liens or related grants in the town of Templeton (Senate, No. 2575, amended);

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Avon to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3112) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin water district (Senate, No. 3116);

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, in concurrence.

The House Bill recognizing Sikh appreciation month (House, No. 4569), 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.

The House Bill relative to maintenance of physical examinations records for public safety personnel (House, No. 2651), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Avon to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 3112);

Authorizing the town of Northfield to establish the Grandin water district (see Senate, No. 3116);

(Which severally originated in the Senate)

Abolishing the permanent intermittent police force in the city of Methuen (see House, No. 2147);

Exempting the positions of police chief and police captain in the city of Leominster from the civil service law (see House, No. 3756, amended); and

Establishing an assistant clerk of the city council in the city of Methuen (see House, No. 4779);

(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.

At one o'clock P.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.