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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.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed John A. Lepper of Attleboro as his designee (under Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Grandparents
raising
grandchildren.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Galvin of Canton and Philips of Sharon) congratulating the Immaculate Conception Church in Stoughton on its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary; and

Stoughton,—
Immaculate
Conception.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Eileen Desorgher on her retirement from the Medfield Housing Authority;

Eileen
Desorgher.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens 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.

Communication.

A communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 46 of Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019) submitting the MassHealth Drug Pricing Report, was placed on file.

MassHealth
Drug Pricing
Report.

Annual Report.

The Annual report of the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission (under Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, as amended Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting year four findings and recommendations, was placed on file.

Middlesex
County
Center.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Haggerty of Woburn and Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5377) of Richard M. Haggerty, Michelle L. Ciccolo and Cindy F. Friedman (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Woburn be authorized to extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in said city; and

Woburn,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5379) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) relative to horse racing in the town of Plymouth.

Plymouth,—
horse
racing.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5380) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase certain maximum fines for motor vehicle parking violations in the town of Plymouth. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Plymouth,—
parking
fines.

By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5378) of Brian M. Ashe and Eric P. Lesser (by vote of the town) that the town of Hampden be authorized to continue the employment of police department member James Gormally. To the committee on Public Service.

Hampden,—
James Gormally.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley for legislation to designate Diwali as a legal holiday in the Commonwealth.

Diwali,—
legal holiday.

By Representative Murray of Milford and Senator Fattman, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian W. Murray and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Howland, an employee of the Appellate Tax Board.

Kimberly
Howland,—
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities (Senate, No. 3132) (on Senate bill No. 2848); and

Disabled,—
agreements.

Expanding wheelchair warranty protections for consumers with disabilities (Senate, No. 3136) (on Senate bill No. 2567);

Wheelchair
warrantees.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A Bill designating school custodian day (Senate, No. 2126) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

School
custodian
day.

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 Meghan Kilcoyne (by vote of the town) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of state owned land in the town of Lancaster to said town. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lancaster,—
land.

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

Authorizing the select board of Easton to lease a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 3131) [Local Approval Received]; and

Easton,—
land.

Amending the charter of the city of Amesbury (Senate, No. 3133) [Local Approval Received];

Amesbury,—
charter.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, 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 a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brittany S. Ketcham, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (House, No. 5376). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Brittany
Ketcham,—
sick leave.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill relative to cost-of-living adjustments for retirees (see House, No. 5124, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Retirees,—
cost-of-living.

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) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill redesignating certain bridges in the city of Lawrence (House, No. 4319), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Lawrence,—
bridges.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5063); and

Third
reading
bills.

Providing for the appointment of a stormwater officer in the town of Rehoboth (House, No. 5282);

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.

House bills

Providing for electric vehicle charging stations in the city of Cambridge (House, No. 3858);

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4058); and

Establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4059);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

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