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Monday, November 14, 2022.

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.

## *Silent Tribute.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and at the request of Mr. Murray of Milford, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of former Senate Clerk William F. Welch, 72, of Milford who died unexpectedly on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge after experiencing a medical emergency on an MBTA train ride following the Harvard University and Holy Cross College football game that he had attended. He was the beloved husband of Maureen L. (Gulino) Welch.

Former  
Senate Clerk  
William Welch.

Born in Framingham, Bill was the son of the late Frederick Welch and the late Mary (Downing) Welch. He was a graduate of the former Marian High School, Class of 1967. He was also a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Class of 1971 and attained a law degree from the New England School of Law in 1977.

Mr. Welch began his accomplished career working as an intern at the Massachusetts State Senate offices in 1971. He remained working in those offices his entire career, where he served as Chief Clerk and Parliamentarian of the Massachusetts State Senate until his retirement in 2018. He was presently working part-time as a consultant at those Senate offices.

Bill was an avid sports fan who loved to attend both college and professional level sporting events, especially those of the New England Patriots; the Boston Red Sox; the Boston Bruins; Harvard University football; Northeastern University football and hockey; and any other sporting event he could possibly attend. He was also an avid hockey player, participating in various men's leagues over the years.

He was also a devoted supporter of the John W. Powers Post #59 American Legion baseball team and was an active member of the Board of Directors of the John W. Powers Post #59 American Legion baseball team.

Along with his beloved wife of 48 years, he is survived by his 2 sons: Gregory M. Welch of Florida and Geoffrey M. Welch of North Carolina; his brother: John D. Welch and his wife Kathleen of Sudbury; and also several nieces and nephews.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Tyler Jonathan Apicella on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Tyler  
Apicella.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Fraser Baird on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Fraser  
Baird.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Jackson H. Chambers on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Jackson  
Chambers.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Joshua Winiker on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Joshua  
Winiker.

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. 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.

#### *Petition.*

Mr. Jones of North Reading presented a petition (subject to Joint Rules 12 and 9) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to further regulate the Lynnfield Center Water District, and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Lynnfield  
Center Water  
District.

#### *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 Kay Khan that the State Retirement Board be authorized to grant certain creditable service to Robin Blatt, an employee of the Department of Public Health. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Robin  
Blatt,—  
retirement.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill relative to the town administrator in the town of Milton (Senate, No. 3127) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Milton,—  
town  
administrator.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5354, a Bill authorizing the Montague Center Fire District to continue the employment of fire department members Gary Dion, David Hansen, Mark Fisk, Ann Fisk and Chris Rice (House, No. 5385). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Montague  
Center Fire  
District.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Removing the residency requirement for the water and sewer commission in the city of Lynn (see House, No. 4626); and

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5253);

(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.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill designating the portion of United States highway Route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor highway (House, No. 4436), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Medal of Honor highway.

The House Bill relative to the school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 5038), 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday 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. Muratore of Plymouth (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.