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Thursday, November 17, 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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his reduction of certain items contained in Section 2A, disapproval of certain sections, and recommendation of amendments to sections 115 and 253 contained in the engrossed Bill relating to economic growth and relief for the Commonwealth [see House, No. 5374] (for message, see House, No. 5390), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, November 10.

Economic
growth and
relief and
supplemental
appropriations.

The message was read; and, so much of the message as relates to the reductions and disapprovals were referred, under Rule 30, to the committee on Ways and Means.

So much of the message as relates to the sections returned with recommendations of amendments were referred, as follows:

Section 115 — Printed as House, No. 5388; and

Section 253 — Printed as House, No. 5389;

Severally, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced 3rd. grade students from the Pine Hill School in Sherborn. They were the guests of Representative Linsky of Natick and were accompanied by Senator Rausch.

Sherborn,—
Pine Hill
School
students.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess, and introduced students and their professor, Jamie Klufts, from the University of Lowell School of Politics and Advocacy in Public Health. They were the guests of Ms. Howard of Lowell.

UMass Lowell
School of
Politics and
Public Health.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Joshua L. Lozano on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Joshua
Lozano.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Hayden Christian Sutherland on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Hayden
Sutherland.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating William Henry Whitaker on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

William
Whitaker.

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. Linksy of Natick, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (see Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for said department for fiscal year 2022; and

Telecommuni-
cations and
Cable.

From the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting a report of audited financial statements for fiscal year 2022;

Nantucket
Transit
Authority.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Reports.

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Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the October 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

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 October, 2022;

Trial Court,—
summary
process.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kane of Shrewsbury and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5391) of Hannah Kane, James B. Eldridge and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) that the town of Westborough be authorized to approve certain additional tax exemptions of qualifying senior residents. To the committee on Revenue.

Westborough,—
senior tax
exemptions.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5392) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to require new and substantially remodeled or

Northampton,—
electricity
requirements.

rehabilitated buildings to use electricity for all building energy needs. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Rules 12 and 7A be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven G. Xiarhos that Wayne A. Ellis be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board; and

Barnstable
County,—
Wayne Ellis.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven G. Xiarhos that John R. Stowe, Jr., be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board;

Barnstable
County,—
John Stowe.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 7A then were suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Report of the committee on Revenue, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10) on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5339) of Steven C. Owens, John J. Lawn, Jr. and William N. Brownsberger (with the approval of the city council) relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown.

Watertown,—
property
taxes.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree.

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

Montague
Center Fire
District.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Linsky of Natick, 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. 5330, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Elaina McAlister (House, No. 5386) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Elaina
McAlister.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 5315, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Kurt Stokinger (House, No. 5387) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Kurt Stokinger.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Designating the portion of United States highway Route 20 in Massachusetts the Medal of Honor highway (see House, No. 4436, amended); and

Bills
enacted.

Exempting Jonathan Dillon from the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham (see House, No. 4999, 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.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver (House, No. 4297), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Stockbridge,—
Steven
Traver.

The Senate Bill authorizing the select board of Easton to lease a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 3131), 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brittany S. Ketcham, an employee of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (House, No. 5376), 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.

Id.

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 fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.