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Thursday, December 1, 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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, boy scouts from Troop 103 and Troop 511 of the town of Burlington, led by Scout Leaders Jack Lock and Debra Squillini. They were the guests of Mr. Gordon of Bedford.

Burlington,—
Boy Scout
troops.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Dylan Glin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Dylan
Glin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Samuel Greenblatt on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Samuel
Greenblatt.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Benjamin Rippy on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin
Rippy.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Gentile of Sudbury) congratulating Karter Singh on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Karter
Singh.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives McKenna of Webster, Frost of Auburn and Durant of Spencer) commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the ordination of Father Robert Grattaroti; and

Father
Robert
Grattaroti.

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

Evan
Houser.

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. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Office of the Child Advocate (see Section 14 of Chapter 18C of the General Laws) submitting the report entitled: Identifying Childhood Trauma:

Childhood
trauma.

Recommendations on Trauma Identification Practices in Child-Serving Organizations; and

From the Department of Early Education and Care (see item 3000-6025 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the report on the status of the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) implementation activities; Severally were placed on file.

Preschool Partnership Initiative.

Annual Report.

A report of the Department of Early Education and Care (under sections 3(g), 4, 5, 10 and 13(d) of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) submitting its annual legislative report [a copy was forwarded to the committee on Education, as required by said law], was placed on file.

Early Education and Care.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5402) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) relative to validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Lancaster. To the committee on Election Laws.

Lancaster,— election.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5403) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Jason M. Lewis and Richard M. Haggerty (by vote of the town) that the town of Reading be authorized to continue the employment of Anthony Del Signore, the assistant fire chief of said town; and

Reading,— Anthony Del Signore.

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5404) of Meghan Kilcoyne and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) that the town of Lancaster be authorized to exempt the position of police chief in said town from the provisions of the civil service law;

Lancaster,— police chief.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5405) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Jason M. Lewis and Richard M. Haggerty (by vote of the town) that the town of Reading be authorized to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Reading,— senior tax exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Fernandes of Falmouth and Senator Cyr presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes and Julian Cyr that the county commissioners of Dukes County be authorized to appoint a treasurer who may not be a resident of said county; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Dukes County,— treasurer.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Orleans as the Norman Wood Finch memorial bridge (House, No. 3969), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in section 1 (as published), in line 1, striking out the words “The bridge” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Bridge number O04001”; striking out section 2; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Orleans,— Finch bridge.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a certain bridge in the town of Orleans, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Philip Cloutier, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 3134) (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

Philip Cloutier,—
sick leave.

The following notice was received from the Clerk of the Senate, to wit:—

December 1, 2022.

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate made the following appointments:

Senators Michael D. Brady and Susan L. Moran (under Section 214 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) to the Selection Committee for the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery

Sweeney Award
for Civilian
Bravery.

Senators Brendan P. Crighton as co-chair, Joanne M. Comerford, Adam Gomez and Eric P. Lesser (pursuant to Section 60 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) to the East-West Rail Commission

East-West Rail
Commission.

Senator Lydia Edwards (pursuant to Executive Order 535) to the Public Market Commission

Public Market
Commission.

Senator Lydia Edwards (pursuant to Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2022) to the Women’s Rights History Task Force

Women’s Rights
History.

Senator Cindy Friedman (pursuant to Section 142 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) to the Restoration Center Commission in the former county of Middlesex

Middlesex
Commission.

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, has made the following appointments:

Paul A. Lundberg (pursuant to Section 60 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022) to the East-West Rail Commission

East-West Rail
Commission.

Christopher Anderson, President of the Massachusetts High Technology Council (pursuant to Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) to the Tax Expenditure Commission (replacing Gregory Sullivan)

Tax Expenditure
Commission.

Mr. Joseph O’Leary (under Section 69 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the special commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Grandparents
Raising
Grandchildren.

Respectfully,



MICHAEL D. HURLEY,
Clerk of the Senate.

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 petition of Steven S. Howitt (with the approval of the county commissioners) for legislation to authorize Cynthia Falzone to purchase creditable service from the Norfolk County Retirement Board. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rules 12 and 7A then were suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Cynthia Falzone,—
retirement.

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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) 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.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Whelan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John Carlson, an employee of the Department of State Police; and

John Carlson,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Timothy R. Whelan (with the approval of the county commissioners) for legislation to authorize Kyle J. Wiley to purchase creditable military service from the Barnstable County Retirement System;

Kyle Wiley,—
retirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Designating school custodian day (Senate, No. 2126);

Custodians.

Authorizing the town of Andover to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3139) [Local Approval Received]; and

Andover,—
liquor
licenses.

Authorizing the town of Wareham to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 3141) [Local Approval Received];

Wareham,—
liquor
licenses.

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

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House,

Dedham,—
liquor

No. 4522) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to authorizing the town of Dedham to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, four wine and malt licenses, all to be drunk on the premises, and one wine and malt package store license;

licenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4704) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to further regulate the issuance of certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Westford,—
liquor
licenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4992) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Williamstown,—
liquor
licenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4993) of the same member (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamstown be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Id.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5138) of Meghan Kilcoyne (by vote of the town) that the town of Berlin be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises; and

Berlin,—
liquor
licenses.

Of the same committee, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5367) of 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;

Middleton,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on a motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the reports, in each instance, the petitions were recommitted, on motions of Mr. Chan of Quincy.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Rowley (see Senate, No. 2876, amended) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to hold remote representative town meetings (see House, No. 4988);

Directing the Haverhill retirement board to grant creditable service to John Farrell (see House, No. 5014);

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises (see House, No. 5176); and

Authorizing the town of Milford to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 5177);

(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 providing for the merger of the Shelburne Housing Authority with the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment and for the restructuring of the membership of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (House, No. 4772), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Shelburne
Housing
Authority.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Clara Bett, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 3117), 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.

House bills

Authorizing Melanie Figueroa to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5278); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing Lauren Bonnell to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5283);

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.

The House Bill authorizing Jeffrey H. Jackson to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 4654), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second
reading
bill.

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 sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury (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.