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Thursday, December 15, 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.

## *Communications.*

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From the Office of Local and Regional Health of Department of Public Health (see Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) relative to proposed amendments to move the fees associated with licensure of Certified Health Officers and Registered Sanitarians to be charged by the Division of Occupational Licensure to the Department of Public Health;

Health officer  
licensure,—  
fees.

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Plymouth County  
Registry of  
Deeds,—  
technology  
fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 65 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting the annual MassHealth health safety net eligibility report; and

MassHealth,—  
health safety  
net eligibility.

From the Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board (see Section 89 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report, entitled: Improving Massachusetts' Child Requiring Assistance System;

Children,—  
assistance  
system.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Special Report.*

A report of the Non-Emergency Human Services Transportation Task Force (under Section 134 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) submitting recommendations and guidelines to be used by the Human Services Transportation Office to develop non-emergency human services transportation broker services, was placed on file.

Transportation  
broker services.

## *Petitions.*

Mr. Murray of Milford presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5427) of Brian W. Murray (by vote of the town) that the town of Hopedale be authorized to exempt all positions in the fire department of said town from the civil service law; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Hopedale,—  
civil service.

Mr. Cabral of New Bedford presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to revive and continue the special commission established (under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 2020) relative to the seal and motto of the Commonwealth; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

State seal and motto,— special commission.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, 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.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill relative to the Millicent Library in the town of Fairhaven (House, No. 5006), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3150; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Fairhaven,— Millicent Library.

“Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to transfer forthwith funds held in a trust by the state treasurer for the benefit of the public library in the town of Fairhaven, 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.

The House Bill authorizing the city of Newton to lease the West Newton Armory for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 5365, amended), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3151.

Newton,— West Newton Armory.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

*Reports of Committees.*

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

Authorizing the increase of a tax exemption for eligible seniors in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 3114) [Local Approval Received]; and

Tewksbury,— seniors.

Authorizing the increase of a tax exemption for eligible veterans in the town of Tewksbury (Senate, No. 3115) [Local Approval Received]; and

Tewksbury,— veterans.

House bills

Allowing the appointment of retired Wilbraham police officers as special police officers (House, No. 5373) [Local Approval Received];

Wilbraham,— special police.

Establishing a shellfish mitigation receipts reserved fund in the town of Bourne (House, No. 5375) [Local Approval Received];

Bourne,— fund.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

To extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the city of Woburn (House, No. 5377) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the Westborough Board of Assessors to approve additional tax exemptions of qualifying senior residents (House, No. 5391) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the continued employment of Anthony Del Signore, the Assistant Fire Chief of the town of Reading (House, No. 5403) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 5405) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to creating a plaque at the Cronin Rink in Revere in honor of Joseph DeSantis (House, No. 5406);

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Senate Bill further regulating sewer privilege fees in the town of Millbury (Senate, No. 1350) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5138, a Bill authorizing the town of Berlin to grant up to two additional all alcoholic beverages licenses not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5426) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5424, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Christopher King, an employee of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 5425).

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

*Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Orleans as the Norman Wood Finch memorial bridge (House, No. 3969, 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.

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.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land to the city of Fitchburg (see House, No. 4902, 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.

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.

Woburn,—  
liquor licenses.

Westborough,—  
senior tax  
exemptions.

Reading,—  
Del Signore.

Reading,—  
property tax.

Revere,—  
Joseph DeSantis.

Millbury,—  
sewer  
privilege fees.

Berlin,—  
liquor  
licenses.

Christopher  
King,—  
sick leave.

Orleans,—  
Finch bridge.

Fitchburg,—  
land.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The engrossed Bill confirming and authorizing Commercial Wharf East Condominium Association's uses and structures located on private tidelands (see House, No. 5080, 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.

Commercial Wharf East Condominium Association.

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.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Establishing a parks and recreation commission in the town of Templeton (see Senate, No. 2574);

Bills enacted.

Regulating special police officers in the city known as the town of Agawam (see Senate, No. 2589, amended);

Providing for a gender-neutral charter in the city of Somerville (see Senate, No. 3129);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Amending the charter of the town of North Andover with respect to town meeting warrant posting (see House, No. 3747, amended);

Amending the charter of the town of Eastham (see House, No. 3794, 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.*

Senate bills

Exempting Jesus Melendez from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the town of North Andover (Senate, No. 3024); and

Third reading bills.

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);

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.

House bills

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

Id.

To use more inclusive language for the Lanesborough board of selectmen (House, No. 5216); and

Establishing the position of the treasurer-collector in the town of Hardwick (House, No. 5242);

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.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Tewksbury to change the name of the board of selectmen to select board (Senate, No. 3128), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting after section 4 the following section:

“SECTION 4A. Subsection (b) of section 15 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words ‘Board of Selectmen’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Select Board.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 3128, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Carlson, an employee of the Department of State Police (House, No. 5414), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

John  
Carlson,—  
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of state police, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 5414, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*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.

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At eighteen minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.