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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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Coppinger of Boston) congratulating Matthew O'Malley on his contributions to the Boston City Council; and

Matthew
O'Malley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Robert Anderson on his retirement from Wellesley Housing Authority;

Robert
Anderson.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4299) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the charter of the city of Holyoke. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Holyoke,—
charter.

By Representative Tucker of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4300) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property tax exemptions for certain affordable accessory dwelling unit rental properties in the city of Salem restricted as affordable housing. To the committee on Revenue.

Salem,—
affordable
housing.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4301) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the operation and regulation of electric bicycles in the city of Salem. To the committee on Transportation.

Salem,—
electric
bicycles.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mrs. Haddad of Somerset presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7A) of Patricia A. Haddad that the Bristol County Retirement Board be authorized to grant

Lucia Casey,—
creditable
service.

creditable service to Lucia M. Casey; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4194, inserting before the enacting clause an emergency preamble; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof a new title) to the Senate Bill upgrading hen welfare and establishing uniform cage-free standards (Senate, No. 2481, amended), recommending passage of a Bill further regulating hen welfare and establishing uniform cage-free standards (Senate, No. 2603), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, the question being on acceptance.

Hen welfare.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Dykema of Holliston, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

A House petition of Marjorie C. Decker, Frank A. Moran and others for legislation to further regulate the manufacturing of assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices, came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the suspension of Joint Rule 12, non-concurred in the reference to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security; and that said petition had been referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Assault
weapons,—
manufacture.

On motion of Ms. Decker of Cambridge, the House receded from its reference; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4303) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2605) of Patrick M. O'Connor and James M. Murphy for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city known as the town of Weymouth as the Sergeant Michael C. Chesna First Responders Bridge. To the committee on Transportation.

Weymouth,—
bridge.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2604) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to reservists with service-connected disabilities. To the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs.

Reservists,—
disabilities.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to licenses for hawkers and peddlers. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Hawkers
and peddlers.

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Petition (accompanied by bill) of Rob Consalvo relative to the income tax deduction for renters. To the committee on Revenue.

Renters,—
deduction.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to municipal lighting plants and greenhouse gas emissions. To the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Municipal
light plants,—
emissions.

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

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to early-onset Alzheimer's disease (House, No. 722).

Alzheimer's
disease.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to providing dental care to senior citizens (House, No. 732).

Dental care,—
seniors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 415 and House, No. 739, a Bill to improve Alzheimer's's [sic] and dementia care in senior care options programs (House, No. 739).

Insurance,—
seniors.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill to support military families (Senate, No. 2542) [Senators Rush, Brady, Collins and Fattman and Representatives Capano of Lynn and Philips of Sharon, dissenting].

Military
families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4195, a Bill relative to the governance, structure and care of veterans at the Commonwealth's veterans' homes (House, No. 4298).

Veterans'
homes.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a commission to study the financial abuse of elders (House, No. 744). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Elders,—
financial
abuse.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to assisted living facility residences appeal of findings (House, No. 720).

Assisted
living.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the penalties for unfair and deceptive actions perpetrated against persons with disabilities and senior citizens (House, No. 723).

Deceptive
actions.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Arciero of Westford, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4205) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Lovely, dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
affordable
housing.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill further regulating hen welfare and establishing uniform cage-free standards (see Senate, No. 2603), 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.

Hen welfare.

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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 2 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying real estate in the town of Hamilton (see Senate, No. 1362) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Providing for a gender neutral charter in the city of Attleboro (see House, No. 2169);

Classifying the death of city of Lawrence police patrolman Jacob Eyssi (see House, No. 3910); and

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Dunstable (see House, No. 4101);

(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 city of Cambridge to use certain land for general municipal purposes and the installation of subsurface geothermal wells (House, No. 3996), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Cambridge,—
land.

The House Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3917), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Westborough,—
selectmen.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Garlick of Needham moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4302), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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At six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.