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Thursday, February 8, 2024.

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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk) commending Chief of Police Marc Haslam on his retirement from the Swansea Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Marc
Haslam.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Donahue of Worcester) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Cannabis Policy is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4316).

Extensions of
time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Thursday, May 2, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4366).

Order (filed by Mr. McMurtry of Dedham) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4343).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4349).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4347).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4348).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4345).

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4346).

Order (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4341).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4334).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4335).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Friday, March 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4338).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4336).

Order (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4337).

Order (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) relative to extending until Sunday, April 7, 2024 the time within which the committee on Elder Affairs is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4315).

Order (filed by Mr. Cahill of Lynn) relative to extending until Friday, April 12, 2024 the time within which the committee on Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4368).

Order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) relative to extending until Friday, May 17, 2024 the time within which the committee on Financial Services is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4367).

Order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31 the time within which the committee on Financial Services is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4369).

Order (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) relative to extending until Friday, March 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Higher Education is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4365).

Order (filed by Mr. Arciero of Westford) relative to extending until Thursday, April 18, 2024 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4340).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, April 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4339).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 8, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4342).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4333).

Order (filed by Mr. Madaro of Boston) relative to extending until Wednesday, May 15, 2024 the time within which the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4317).

Order (filed by Ms. Fiola of Fall River) relative to extending until Friday, June 14, 2024 the time within which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4344).

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4313).

Order (filed by Ms. Domb of Amherst) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4309).

Order (filed by Mr. Cassidy of Brockton) relative to extending until Tuesday, April 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4314).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported, that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2023;

Juvenile
Justice Unit.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see item 7002-0040 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program Report for fiscal year 2024;

Small Business
Assistance
Grant Program.

From the District Attorney of Essex County (see Section 6 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws) submitting its victims' rights program plan report;

Victims'
rights.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T(e) of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Regional Tourism Council State Expenditures report for fiscal year 2023; and

Tourism
Council,—
expenditures.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 68 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its final report and recommendations for the Gas System Enhancement Plan (GSEP) working group;

Gas System
Enhancement
Plan.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill dissolving the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority and incorporating its functions into the Northampton Housing Authority (House, No. 3810), 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 2575. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Hampshire
County,—
housing
authority.

A Bill authorizing the town of Tewksbury to lease the Louise Davy Trahan Elementary School for not more than 99 years (Senate, No. 2582) (on Senate bill No. 2485) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Tewksbury,—
Trahan
school.

Reports of Committees.

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

Relative to sales at retail (House, No. 243); and

Relative to telemarketer disclosures (House, No. 368);

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

Meats, etc.
Telemarketers.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1279) of Michael D. Brady, Vanna Howard, Susannah M. Whipps, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others for legislation relative to civil service adoption,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Service. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Municipalities,—
civil service.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1010 and House, No. 1393, a Bill relative to caregiver authorization affidavits (House, No. 4318). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Affidavits,—
caregivers.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1480 and 1481, a Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329).

Service
animals,—
study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, No. 3247, a Bill relative to the position of poet laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 4311).

Poet
laureate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3252, a Bill to study the development of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 4312).

Springfield,—
museum.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1432, a Bill relative to escheat (House, No. 4319).

Deposits of
property.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1439, a Bill relative to clarity and consistency for the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board (House, No. 4320).

Justice
Reinvestment
Oversight Board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1022 and House, No. 1442, a Bill to protect the privacy of 911 callers (House, No. 4323).

911 callers,—
privacy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 995 and House, No. 1447, a Bill to modernize the roles and responsibilities of the Victim and Witness Assistance Board (House, No. 4326).

Victim and
witness board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1459, a Bill requiring the relocation of the Cambridge District Court (House, No. 4328).	Cambridge District Court.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1482, a Bill relative to equitable court staffing (House, No. 4330).	Court staffing.
By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill regarding mandatory land use board training (House, No. 3553).	Board members,— training.
By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on Senate, Nos. 2189 and 2197 and House, No. 3245, a Bill relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows (House, No. 3245).	Animals,— traveling shows.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2191 and House, No. 3243, a Bill relative to tourism and visitation marketing and promotion grants (House, No. 4310).	Tourism grants.
Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.	
By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1004 and House, No. 1440, a Bill relative to civil rights (House, No. 4321).	Civil rights.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1441, a Bill concerning the arrest without a warrant of persons on probation and temporary custody (House, No. 4322).	Probation,— warrantless arrests.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1443, a Bill relative to the punishment of organized retail crimes (House, No. 4324).	Organized retail crimes.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1444, a Bill to update expungement (House, No. 4325).	Expungement.
By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 939 and House, No. 1450, a Bill to modify the rules for taking depositions outside the Commonwealth and to adopt the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act (House, No. 4327).	Interstate depositions and discovery.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1490, a Bill relative to authorizing electronic signatures for criminal complaints (House, No. 4331).	Electronic signatures.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1545, a Bill to simplify the administrative aspect of evidentiary use of medical information (House, No. 4332).	Evidence,— medical information.
By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill to establish commonsense permitting reforms for businesses and landowners (House, No. 2064).	Permitting.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to veterans housing advantage (House, No. 2077).	Veterans housing.
By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2086 and 3555, a Bill relative to local option for associate members of planning boards (House, No. 3555).	Planning boards,— associates.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill enhancing the Historic Beacon Hill District (House, No. 4076) [Local Approval Received].	Boston,— Beacon Hill.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the treasurer-collector of the town of Sherborn (House, No. 4224) [Local Approval Received].	Sherborn,— treasurer-collector.
By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the provision of health insurance for eligible employees and retirees in the town of Worthington (House, No. 4231) [Local Approval Received].	Worthington,— health insurance.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill approving the town of Wrentham home rule charter as amended (House, No. 4237) [Local Approval Received].

Wrentham,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the board of selectmen in the town of Dunstable to the select board (House, No. 4244) [Local Approval Received].

Dunstable,—
select board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Littleton to provide drinking water to the inhabitants of the town of Boxborough (House, No. 4246).

Littleton,—
drinking
water.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill removing the residency requirement for the treasurer of the county of Dukes County (Senate, No. 1288), 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 authorizing the city of Newton to lease the Warren Junior High School for a term of years not exceeding 99 years (House, No. 4126), 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 in 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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (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.