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

Pledge of allegiance.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4591), was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Revenue committee,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

Representative Consalvo of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4592) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Paul O'Brien a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
Paul O'Brien.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills

Designating a jury clerk for the Central District Court of Northern Essex located in the city of Haverhill (Senate, No. 2538) (on a petition);

Haverhill,—
jury clerk.

Modernizing protections for consumers in automobile transactions (Senate, No. 2736) (on Senate bill No. 171);

Automobile
transactions.

Relative to the remediation of home heating oil releases (Senate, No. 2737) (on Senate bill No. 648); and

Oil spills.

Relative to electric ratepayer protections (Senate, No. 2738, amended in line 4 by inserting after the word "contract" the words "or renew an existing contract") (on Senate bill No. 2106);

Electric
ratepayers.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2744) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend chapter 305 of the acts of 2016 relative to the year-round market rate rental housing trust fund in the town of Provincetown; and

Provincetown,—
housing
trust fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2745) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown;

Provincetown,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2746) of Julian Cyr, Kip A. Diggs and Steven George Xiarhos (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the position of police chief in the town of Barnstable from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Barnstable,—
civil service.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2743) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by the vote of the town) for legislation relative to parking violations in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Transportation.

Provincetown,—
parking.

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:

Joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark for legislation to designate a portion of state highway routes 23 west and 41 south in the town of Egremont as the George McGurn memorial highway;

Egremont,—
McGurn
highway.

Joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 41 in the town of West Stockbridge be designated as the Gene Dellea highway; and

West
Stockbridge,—
Dellea highway.

Joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that a certain portion of state highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield be designated as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway;

Sheffield,—
Barnard
highway.

Severally to the committee on Transportation.

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 House, Nos. 612, 615, 617, 618, 621, 622, 623, 625, 628, 631, 633, 640, 641, 643, 646, 647, 651, 653, 654 and 655, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to nursing homes, assisted living, home care and other related matters (House, No. 4537).

Nursing homes;
assisted living;
home care,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, Nos. 2061 and 2064 and House, Nos. 2996, 3111 and 3112, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to skating rinks, scientific services, public records and other related matters (House, No. 4568).

Skating rinks;
scientific
services; public;
records, etc.,—
study.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on House, Nos. 3240, 3242, 3244, 3249, 3250 and 3251, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development to

Artist services;
tourism
promotion;
cultural

make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to artist services, tourism promotion, cultural councils and other related matters (House, No. 4569) [Senator Barrett dissenting].

councils,
etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3253, 3254, 3257, 3258, 3259, 3262, 3267, 3268, 3274, 3277, 3278, 3298, 3304, 3305, 3308, 3313, 3318, 3319, 3320, 3324, 3331, 3332, 3338, 3341, 3342, 3345, 3346, 3355, 3357, 3363, 3365, 3378, 3399, 3402, 3405, 3407, 3415, 3427, 3442, 3453, 3462, 3465, 3470, 3478 and 4018, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to distinctive plates, roadworks, bicycles and other related matters (House, No. 4530).

Distinctive
plates;
roadworks;
bicycles,
etc.,—
study.

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

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

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 the cleanup of accidental home heating oil spills (House, No. 1046);

Oil spills.
Banking.

Making changes to certain references in the banking laws of the Commonwealth (House, No. 1078);

Expanding the use of video and telephone conferencing (House, No. 1086);

Conferencing.
Road safety.
Bicycle lanes.
Marshfield.

Relative to container safety on roadways (House, No. 3340);

Relative to the expansion of bicycle lanes (House, No. 3350);

Designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 3356);

To clarify penalties for violations occurring while driving with a hardship license (House, No. 3369);

Hardship
licenses.

Relative to expired licenses (House, No. 3376);

Old licenses.
Right of way.

Regarding right of way violations (CeCelia's Law) (House, No. 3477);

Relative to simplifying processes at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for surviving spouses and next of kin (House, No. 3707);

RMV,—
survivors.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (House, No. 3883);

Ashland,—
Gates bridge.

Repealing the prohibition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from locating a facility within a certain distance of the Arlington Catholic High School (House, No. 4236);

Arlington
Catholic,—
MBTA.

Relative to termination of sales to wholesalers by suppliers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4477); and

Alcoholic
beverages.

Relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton (House, No. 4561) [Local Approval Received];

Newton,—
fire fighters.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill to improve Massachusetts home care (House, No.

Home
care.

649, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 432, 452, 465, 467, 486, 493, 497, 516, 537, 555, 557, 560, 575, 593, 3573, 3754 and 3853, a Bill to promote social emotional learning and the mental and behavioral health of students (House, No. 4576). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Students,—
social and
behavioral
health.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a recommitted petition, a Bill, relative to further testing after a CSO event (House, No. 868).

Sewage
overflow
events.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the continued employment of Anthony Tranghese as an environmental police officer in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (House, No. 4513).

Anthony
Tranghese,—
employment.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tamara M. Luciani, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4531), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

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.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., 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.