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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 Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Ronan Wheeler on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Ronan
Wheeler.

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

Order.

An 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. 4633), was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Labor and
Workforce
Development,—
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 Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To the committee on Public Service.

Kendra
Winner,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael S. Day that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Stoneham for the purposes of reconstructing an off-ramp from Interstate

Stoneham,—
land.

Route 93 northbound. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the Bill to protect pollinator habitat (House, No. 4562); and

Of the Bill to promote social emotional learning and the mental and behavioral health of students (House, No. 4576);

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. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, Nos. 193, 593, 594, 601, 605, 609, 612, 614, 618, 620, 630, 635, 636, 637, 638, 640, 642, 645, 649, 655, 656, 657, 660, 662, 663, 664, 665, 667, 668, 670, 673, 682, 691, 700, 704, 706, 707, 708, 715, 716, 717, 718, 722, 724, 730, 731, 733, 735, 737, 741, 742, 744, 745, 751, 754, 758, 759, 763, 764, 766, 768, 771, 772, 773, 776, 779, 786, 787, 792, 793, 796, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 809, 811, 1106, 1209, 1212, 1251, 1269, 1271, 1355, 1369, 1385, 1387, 1428, 1444, 1661 and 2637 and House, Nos. 211, 381, 733, 927, 934, 936, 939, 943, 944, 945, 948, 953, 959, 962, 963, 968, 978, 980, 982, 986, 997, 999, 1001, 1004, 1007, 1010, 1016, 1017, 1021, 1036, 1038, 1164, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1172, 1177, 1182, 1183, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1190, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1199, 1204, 1207, 1208, 1213, 1217, 1221, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1227, 1230, 1231, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1238, 1239, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1847, 2129, 2147, 2150, 2182, 2194, 3588, 3600, 3622, 3625, 3629, 3764, 3832, 4270 and 4411, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to medications, health care and other health care financing issues (House, No. 4634). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the foregoing Order, then reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to modernize the Massachusetts insurer's insolvency fund (House, No. 962),— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on Health Care Financing. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was 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 prepaid wireless surcharges (House, No. 3134);

Relative to energy conservation (House, No. 3207);

Relative to municipal light plant emergency mutual aid (House, No. 3699);

Relative to the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly (House, No. 4455) [Local Approval Received];

Pollinators.
Students,—
health.

Medications,
health care
and other
health care
financing
issues,—
study.

Insurers'
insolvency
fund.

Wireless.
Rental housing.
Mutual aid.
Beverly,—
retirement.

Establishing a building permit surcharge and special revenue fund in the town of Winchester (House, No. 4469) [Local Approval Received];

Designating a certain roundabout in the town of Orleans in honor of Dorofei Klimshuk (House, No. 4484); and

Increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston (House, No. 4507) [Local Approval Received];

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.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 921, 1774, 1794, 1876, and 1953 and House, Nos. 2883, 2907 and 2937, a Bill relative to municipal tax lien procedures and protections for property owners in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4624). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 608 and House, Nos. 1025 and 1080, that the Bill mandating access to cancer screenings for firefighters through health care benefits plans or programs provided by the public employer (House, No. 1080), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 680 and House, No. 1139, that the Bill relative to insurance coverage for doula services (House, No. 1139), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to the United States Space Force and military childcare innovation, learning, and development (House, No. 3540).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to modernizing Chapter 115 (House, No. 4152).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3506, a Bill to exclude Chapter 115 payments to veterans from gross household income calculations (House, No. 4616).

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To improve sickle cell care (House, No. 1161) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to preceptorship programs for students of chiropractic (House, No. 2121) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to patient access to information regarding breast reconstructive surgery (House, No. 2169) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Requiring automatic external defibrillator devices in health clubs (House, No. 2173) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to PANDAS/PANS screening in medical/clinical settings (House, No. 3920) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to the Massachusetts maternal mortality and morbidity review committee (House, No. 4487) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Promoting access to midwifery care and out-of-hospital birth options (House, No. 4566) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Winchester,—
surcharge.

Klimshuk
roundabout.

Boston,—
maximum fines.

Municipal
tax lien
procedures.

Firefighters,—
cancer
screenings.

Insurance,—
doula
services.

United States
Space Force.

Veterans
benefits.

Id.

Sickle cell.

Chiropractic,—
preceptorships.

Breast
reconstruction.

Health clubs,—
defibrillators.

PANDAS/PANS
screening.

Maternal
mortality.

Midwifery
care.

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. 993 and House, No. 1494, a Bill updating bail procedures for justice-involved youth (House, No. 4598).

Youth,—
bail
procedures.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1720, a Bill relative to offenses while driving on a non-administrative license suspension (House, No. 4599).

License
suspension
offenses.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill regarding the age requirement for police officers for the city of Malden (House, No. 4526) [Local Approval Received].

Malden,—
police
officers.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran inclusion (House, No. 3515).

Veterans,—
inclusion.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the civil service law (House, No. 4179);

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Warren to continue the employment of Steven Perkins (House, No. 4215); and

Relative to retired fire fighters in the city of Newton (House, No. 4561);

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.

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 twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.