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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 4636), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, May 9.

Bonds,—
terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Joint Rule 1F, with accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. González of Springfield) relative to extending until Monday, June 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security is authorized to report on current House documents was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Public Safety and Homeland Security,—
extension of time for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4635), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4637) of John Barrett, III and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the town of Hancock from certain provisions of the school choice laws. To the committee on Education.

Hancock,—
school choice.

By Representative Giannino of Revere, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4638) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Lydia Edwards (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to city employment and candidacy in the offices of mayor, city councillor-at-large, ward councillor, and school committee in the city of Revere. To the committee on Election Laws.

Revere,—
city employment.

By Representatives Moran of Lawrence and Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4639) of Frank A. Moran and Tram T. Nguyen (by

Andover,—
appointments.

vote of the town) relative to the appointment of officials and employees of the town of Andover. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Sunderland to continue the employment of Scott Smith (House, No. 4003) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 4, striking out the word “no” and inserting in place thereof the words “Scott Smith is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position; provided further, that the town may, at its own expense, require that Scott Smith be examined by an impartial physician designated by the town to determine such capability. No”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Sunderland,—
Scott Smith.

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:

The Senate Bill authorizing the city of Everett to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not be drunk on the premises and 1 additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2471) [Local Approval Received]; and

Everett,—
liquor
licenses.

House bills

Relative to municipal light plants (House, No. 3142);

Light plants.
Heating
oil insurance.

Requiring disclosure to consumers regarding home heating oil insurance (House, No. 3686);

Amending Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2016 to include the city of Salem designated port area as part of the Salem Harbor port area (House, No. 4398) [Local Approval Received];

Salem,—
port area.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Harwich as the United States Army Private First Class Joseph C. Blute memorial bridge (House, No. 4485);

Harwich,—
Blute bridge.

Relative to the election and composition of the conservation commission within the town of Southwick (House, No. 4506) [Local Approval Received]; and

Southwick,—
commission.

Amending the charter of the town of Sandwich (House, No. 4509) [Local Approval Received];

Sandwich,—
town clerk.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, 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 relative to municipal tax lien procedures and protections for property owners in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4624), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Municipal
tax liens.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the following resolves ought to pass:

Providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to protein innovation in Massachusetts (House, No. 402); and

Protein innovation.

To establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes (House, No. 1233);

Rest home rates.

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

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, Nos. 103 and 122 and House, No. 207, a Bill relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 4625). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Developmental disabilities.

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, No. 74, a Bill to modernize funding for community media programming (House, No. 4631) [Senator Finegold dissenting].

Community media programming.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 227 and House, Nos. 60, 63, 80 and 83, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts Data Privacy Act (House, No. 4632).

Data privacy.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill relative to recovery coach licensure (House, No. 2005).

Recovery coaches,—licensure.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, No. 1702 and House, Nos. 2483 and 2630, a Bill relative to benefits for teachers (House, No. 2630).

Teacher benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2536, a Bill relative to disability pensions for violent crimes (House, No. 4626).

Disability pensions.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill establishing a tax credit for families caring for elderly relatives and victims of Alzheimer's and Dementia (printed as Senate, No. 1906).

Alzheimer's and Dementia,—tax credit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1757 and House, No. 2931, a Bill relative to sales tax exemptions for electric vehicles (House, No. 4623).

Electric vehicles,—exemptions.

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

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill to establish a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (House, No. 2740) [Local Approval Received].

Lexington,—housing surcharges.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing a development surcharge for community housing in the town of Lexington (House, No. 2741) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the Senate Bill relative to changing the name of Salisbury Beach State Reservation (Senate, No. 2701), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Salisbury Beach.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3826) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Norwell to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (Senate, No. 1921), 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
bills.

House bills

Further regulating special police officers in the town of Hudson (House, No. 4113); and

Third
reading
bills.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Terrance Joseph Williams (House, No. 4212);

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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At thirteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.