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Thursday, May 23, 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.

### *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Grafton High School varsity cheerleaders, who were the Fall 2023 small coed state champions. They were accompanied by the cheerleading program director, Jenn Laramée, the assistant principal, and the athletic director. At the invitation of the Chair, the cheerleaders participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Muradian of Grafton.

Grafton High School varsity cheerleaders.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced José Ribeiro, Luiz Meneses, Edgardo Goulart, David Marcos, and Francisco Jose Goulart, all of whom are members of the Sporting Club of Horta, Faial Island, Azores. They were the guests of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford.

Sporting Club of Horta, Faial Island, Azores.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Gentile of Sudbury) honoring the Buddhist community of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in commemorating Vesak Day of 2024, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Vesak Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, 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. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4669).

Extension of time for committees reporting.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4670).

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. 4667).

Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Monday, July 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4665).

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

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Day of Stoneham and Senator Lewis, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4678) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis (by vote of the town) that town of Stoneham police department be authorized to waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers in said town. To the committee on Public Service.

Stoneham,—  
civil service.

By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4679) of Kate Donaghue, Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Westborough,—  
bidding  
requirements.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Cahill of Lynn presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel Cahill relative to the financing of qualifying improvements to residential property; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Property  
improvements.

*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:

Protecting wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card (House, No. 1841);

Employees,—  
electronic wages.

Relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings (House, No. 2289);

Sprinkler  
systems.

Relative to fire protection (House, No. 2290);

Id.

Relative to the use of hoisting equipment in Chapter 74 vocational technical education (House, No. 2337);

Hoisting  
equipment.

Relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment (House, No. 2339); and

Firefighters,—  
equipment.

Relative to recognition of the “Honor and Remember” flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3498).

Honor and  
Remember flag.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House documents numbered 44, 741, 742, 743, 746, 748, 749, 750, 751, 756, 757, 761, 762, 763, 772, 778, 780, 781, 782, 788, 789, 791, 797, 800, 801, 802, 820, 821, 822, 824, 827, 829, 830, 831, 838, 840, 857, 865, 866, 880, 888, 891, 894, 895, 898, 902, 903, 911, 914, 917, 924, 925, 926, 3580, 3785, 3854 and 4182, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to environment and natural resources matters (House, No. 4668). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Environment and Natural Resources,—study.

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.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to cancer patient access to biomarker testing to provide appropriate therapy (House, No. 1074).

Insurance,—biomarker testing.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on a petition, a Bill building resiliency in communities through mental health (House, No. 1985).

Mental health,—hate crimes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to applied behavioral health clinic rates (House, No. 2006).

Behavioral health clinics.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3601, Bill relative to overdose mapping (House, No. 4654).

Overdoses,—database.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1979, a Bill establishing a child and adolescent behavioral health implementation coordinating council (House, No. 4655).

Children and adolescents,—health council.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 1962 and 1971, a Bill relative to non-opioid alternatives in pain treatment (House, No. 4656).

Non-opioid alternatives.

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

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors (House, No. 3391). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Transportation corridors.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 3772, a Bill relative to Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (House, No. 4658).

Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1006, a Bill relative to the compulsory automobile insurance limits (House, No. 4659).

Automobile insurance limits.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to the creation of a maritime division within the department of transportation (House, No. 3450).

Maritime division.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to license reinstatement fees for drivers without a conviction (House, No. 3455).

Licenses,—fees.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

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

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere (House, No. 4551) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—  
mayoral  
vacancies.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Scituate (House, No. 4559) [Local Approval Received].

Scituate,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 4574, changed in section 1, in line 1, by inserting after the word “contrary,” the following: “but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws.”).

Whately  
Water  
District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill changing the use of school land in the city of Gardner (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received].

Gardner,—  
land.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to promote transportation demand management (House, No. 3396).

Community  
master plans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to improved headlight safety (House, No. 3419).

Adaptive beam  
headlights.

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

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Sutton to grant real property tax abatements for certain active duty military personnel (Senate, No. 2493), 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.

House bills

Directing the town of Burlington fire department to waive the maximum age requirement for firefighter for Ryan DeCoste (House, No. 4405);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Huntington (House, No. 4454) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

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

Regarding the age requirement for police officers for the city of Malden (House, No. 4526); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Kendra Winner, an employee of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (House, No. 4644) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee 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,—

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.