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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.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield) commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Boy Scouts of America Troop 32 of Springfield;

Springfield,—
Boy Scouts.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) congratulating Connor Burke on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Connor
Burke.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Peter Schafer on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Schools of the Abington Public School District;

Peter
Schafer.

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

Order.

The Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett) relative to extending until Monday, July 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation 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.

Transportation,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4673), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13T(e) of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Marketing Partnership annual report for fiscal year 2023;

Marketing
partnership.

From the Office of the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Southern District (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting the County Registers Technology Fund request for funds [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Bristol County,—
Technology
Fund.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 1596-2418 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the MassReconnect legislative report for fiscal year 2024;

MassReconnect.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the May 16, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see item 7002-2021 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Program annual report for fiscal year 2024; and

Empowerment
and reinvest-
ment.

From the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (see item 7008-0900 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its annual report and recommendations on state expenditures to promote tourism for calendar year 2023;

Tourism.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

Annual Reports

Of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (under Section 101 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 202) submitting its Housing Choice Initiative annual report for calendar year 2023; and

Housing
Choice
Initiative.

Of the Property and Casualty Initiative, LLC (under Section 3 of Chapter 259 of the Acts of 1998) for fiscal year 2023 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Financial Services, and the committee on Revenue, as required by said law]; and

Property and
Casualty
Initiative.

The monthly report of the Department of Revenue (under Section 5 of Chapter 62F of the General Laws) on year-to-date net state tax revenue for March, 2024;

Net state
tax revenue.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4682) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to appointments by the town select board and the town administrator and the reference to the website in the town of Grafton;

Grafton,—
appointments.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4683) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the school committee and the housing authority in the town of Grafton;

Grafton,—
schools and
housing.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4684) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to the charter and the town clerk in the town of Grafton; and

Grafton,—
town
clerk.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4685) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to amending the charter in the town of Grafton relative to transitional provisions of the charter.

Grafton,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4686) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Natick be authorized to continue the employment of police officer John Haswell, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Natick,—
John
Haswell.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4687) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Northfield be authorized to continue the employment of Floyd Dunnell, III as fire chief of said town.

Northfield,—
Floyd
Dunnell.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Barrows of Mansfield presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of F. Jay Barrows relative to authorizing an extended term of agreement between the town of Foxborough and the town of Sharon for municipal sewer service; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Sharon and
Foxborough,—
sewer service.

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 petition of Simon Cataldo for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul M. Letendre, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paul
Letendre,—
sick leave.

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 local law enforcement continuity between the city of Boston and the town of Dedham (House, No. 2299);

Boston and
Dedham.

Relative to firearms in certain public buildings (House, No. 2305);

Firearms.

Relative to veteran inclusion (House, No. 3515);

Preference.

Updating bail procedures for justice-involved youth (House, No. 4598); and

Bail.

Relative to offenses while driving on a non-administrative license suspension (House, No. 4599);

License
suspensions.

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 Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House Nos. 457, 459, 482, 502, 503, 508, 511, 515, 518, 519, 521, 522, 523, 525, 526, 527, 540, 541, 572 and 3811, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to at-risk students, English language learners, school discipline, recovery high schools, special education, accountability, assessments, and governance (House, No. 4584) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Education,—
study.

By Ms. Garlick, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 426, 434, 512, 565, 605, 610 and 611, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to

Id.

make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to school climate, safety and transportation (House, No. 4585) [Senator O'Connor dissenting].

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

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

Protecting children from harmful diet pills and muscle-building supplements (House, No. 2215) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to EMT certification of veterans and military medics (House, No. 3532) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Alleviating the burden of medical debt for patients and families (House, No. 4274) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Relative to caregiver authorization affidavits (House, No. 4318) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

To improve outcomes for individuals with Parkinson's disease (House, No. 4567) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Improving medical decision making (House, No. 4597) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

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

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on House, No. 4065, a Bill to improve and modernize planning and community development in the city of Boston (House, No. 4676) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 133 and 139 and House, Nos. 228, 229 and 235, a Bill supporting economic growth of downtowns and main streets (House, No. 4677).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to training tomorrow's trucking industry workforce (House, No. 3371).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to place naloxone at Red Line stations (House, No. 3420).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the creation of regional transit authorities for the provision of water transportation (House, No. 3449).

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, Nos. 947 and 1130 and House, Nos. 1602 and 1713, a Bill to ensure legal parentage equality (House, No. 4672).

Supplements,—
children.

Veterans,—
EMT licenses.

Patients,—
medical debt.

Affidavits,—
caregivers.

Parkinson's
disease.

Medical
decisions.

Boston,—
community
development.

Downtowns,—
vitality.

Trucking
industry—
training.

Red Line,—
Naloxone.

Water
ferries.

Parentage
equality.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to retired Quincy firefighter Kevin Bythrow (House, No. 4534) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,—
Kevin
Bythrow.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4535, a Bill authorizing the appointment of retired firefighters as special firefighters in the city of Quincy (House, No. 4666) [Local Approval Received].

Quincy,—
special
police.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Carlisle to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4560) [Local Approval Received].

Carlisle,—
senior tax
exemption.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to loading and alighting vehicles from car carriers on public ways (House, No. 3472).

Car carriers,—
public ways.

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

Engrossed Bill.

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

House bills

Relative to the expansion of the residential tax exemption in the town of Provincetown (printed as Senate, No. 2465);

Relative to a condominium conversion ordinance in the city of Salem (House, No. 3722); and

Authorizing the city of Watertown to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the city of Watertown for nonpayment of any local charge, fee or fine (House, No. 4508);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

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 six 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.