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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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, members of the Dover-Sherborn-Weston boys ice hockey team who won the Division 4 state championship, after winning the Tri-Valley league championship earlier in the season. The team is coached by Alex Marlow; and they were the guests of Representatives Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, Garlick of Needham, and Peisch of Wellesley.

Dover-Sherborn-
Weston boys ice
hockey team.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Biele of Boston) congratulating Sister Maryadele Robinson on her retirement; and

Maryadele
Robinson.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Smola of Warren) congratulating the Palmer Lions Club on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary;

Palmer
Lions Club.

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. Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communication.

A communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Health Information Technology Council for calendar year 2023, was placed on file.

Health
council.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (under Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2024, was placed on file.

Commission
on the Status
of Women.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to rename the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (Senate, No. 2797), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Aging and independence executive office.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development be granted until June 1, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2447, relative to tourism, arts, and cultural development.

Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, the order (Senate, No. 2607), was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, in concurrence, Ms. Domb of Amherst moved to amend it in line 2 by striking out the figure: “1” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “28”.

The amendment was adopted. The order (Senate, No. 2607, amended), then also was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development be granted until June 1, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 2528, relative to free expression.

Id.

There being no objection,— the order (Senate, No. 2742) was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, in concurrence, Ms. Domb of Amherst moved to amend it in line 2 by striking out the figure: “1” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “28”.

The amendment was adopted. The order (Senate, No. 2742, amended), then also was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2809) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to police reports involving railroad fatalities. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Railroad fatalities.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2808) of Susan L. Moran, Patrick M. O’Connor and Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation relative to retirement benefits for Joseph Suppa. To the committee on Public Service.

Joseph Suppa,—benefits.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2810) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to fusion investment and research for sustainable technology. To the committee on Revenue.

Fusion technology.

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 Kathleen R. LaNatra and Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate police reports involving railroad fatalities. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended; and petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Railroad fatalities.

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 critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (House, No. 2301);

Incident intervention.

To prohibit carrying firearms in sensitive places (House, No. 2359);

Firearms.

Designating a portion of state highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway (House, No. 4617);

Sheffield,—highway.

Designating a portion of state highway Route 41 in the town of West Stockbridge as the Gene Dellea highway (House, No. 4618); and

Gene Dellea highway.

Designating a portion of state highway Route 23 west and 41 south in the town of Egremont as the George McGurn memorial highway (House, No. 4619);

Egremont,—highway.

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

Of the Bill relative to greener and healthier transportation corridors (House, No. 3391); and

Transportation corridors.

Of the Bill relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 4625);

Disabilities.

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. Donahue of Worcester, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on House, Nos. 103, 107, 108, 109, 110, 120, 121, 124, 125, 3557, 3559, 3560 and 3750, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Cannabis Policy to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to fees, advertising, host communities and other related matters (House, No. 4695).

Cannabis fees, advertising, host cities and towns, etc.,—study.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses, on Senate, Nos. 134 and 138 and House, Nos. 227, 231, 232, 236, 239 and 3549, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to industrial development, housing production, flood control funds and other related matters.(House, No. 4694).

Industrial development, housing, flood control, etc.,—study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, Nos. 928, 942, 949, 951, 952, 954, 956, 972, 973, 987, 996, 1012, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1032, 1034, 1048, 1051, 1057, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1070, 1071, 1076, 1083,

Industry insurance, banking and

1088, 1089, 1097, 1100, 1109, 1113, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1163, 3758, 3759, 3773, 3774, 3953 and 3954, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to industry insurance, banking and other related matters (House, No. 4705).

other related matters,— 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. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To improve outcomes for persons with limb loss and limb difference (House, No. 4096) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Limb loss and difference.

To protect Massachusetts public health from PFAS (House, No. 4486) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

PFAS protection.

Severally read; and 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, No. 65 and House, No. 157, a Bill protecting benefits owed to foster children (House, No. 4704).

Foster children,— benefits.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the police cadet program in the city of Brockton (House, No. 4630) [Local Approval Received].

Brockton,— police cadets.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the retirement of William R. Cushing Jr., a police officer in the city known as the town of Braintree (House, No. 4214) [Local Approval Received].

Braintree,— William Cushing.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Paul O'Brien (House, No. 4592) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,— Paul O'Brien.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul M. Letendre, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4702).

Paul Letendre,— sick leave.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill [sic] the Affordable Homes Act (printed in House, No. 4138), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to the Affordable Homes Act (House, No. 4707) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$6,205,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Affordable housing.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House; and, under said rule, it was placed in the

Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question, being on ordering the bill to a third reading, with the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means pending.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

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

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4190, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill 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), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to town meeting vacancy in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4403), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Burlington,—town meeting vacancy.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4708), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. 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 fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.