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Thursday, June 6, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Speaker Mariano and all the members of the House, the members, guests and employees stood for a moment of silent tribute to honor the anniversary of D-Day.

D-Day anniversary.

Each year, the anniversary of D-Day is an opportunity to honor the heroes who fought and died that day for our freedoms.

The success of the allied invasion of Normandy was an indispensable step towards winning World War II, and towards restoring peace across Europe.

While we must never forget the atrocities that were perpetrated by the Nazis, let us take a moment today, on the 80th anniversary of D-Day, to remember the heroism of the soldiers whose actions helped to secure victory for the allied forces, and for freedom around the world.

We are forever in their debt.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Ellen Duggan for being recognized as a 2024 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission for the Status of Women, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Ellen Duggan.

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

Communications.

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From the Office of the Comptroller (see Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023;

Comptroller,—
financial
report.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 61 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting the Supplier Diversity Office Comprehensive Annual Report for fiscal year 2023;

Supplier
Diversity
Office.

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 30, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the first monthly Resettlement Agency Report;

Refugees and immigrants resettlement.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Report.

The fourth quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the quarter ending December 31, 2023, was placed on file.

Sexual Assault Evidence Collection.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kilcoyne of Clinton and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4729) of Meghan Kilcoyne and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) that town of Sterling be authorized to appoint retired police officers in said town to serve as special police officers. To the committee on Public Service.

Sterling,—special police.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4730) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Hatfield be authorized to permit the use of golf carts on the public ways in said town. To the committee on Transportation.

Hatfield,—golf carts.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Frost of Auburn presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Stephen Brophy, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Stephen Brophy,—sick leave.

Paper from the Senate.

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 Environment and Natural Resources be granted until June 14, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 447, 512, 513, 549, and 550, relative to the environment and natural resources.

Environment and Natural Resources committee,—extension of time for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order (Senate, No. 2727) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following matters be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to medical services (House, No. 2352);

Relative to overdose fatalities (House, No. 2418);

Changing the use of school land in the city of Gardner (House, No. 4589) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Paul M. Letendre, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4702);

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.

Health terms.

Overdoses.

Gardner,—
land.

Paul
Letendre,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 1252, 1256, 1259, 1266, 1268, 1271, 1273, 1274, 1278, 1279, 1281, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 3867 and 4142, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to higher education matters (House, No. 4713).

Higher
Education,—
study.

By Mr. Madaro of Boston, for the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, on House, Nos. 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters (House, No. 4712) [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissenting].

Mental Health,
Substance Use
and Recovery,—
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 3280, 3310, 3387, 3416, 3431, 3445, 3464, 3469 and 3706, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transportation matters (House, No. 4714) [Representative Mom of Lowell dissenting].

Transportation,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3283, 3291, 3301, 3321, 3330, 3335, 3353, 3367, 3374, 3393, 3410, 3413, 3414, 3424, 3456, 3460 and 4118, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transportation planning (House, No. 4715).

Transportation
planning,—
study.

Severally 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, 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.

Orders of the Day.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Lunenburg to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (see House, No. 3911), which had been returned to the House by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendments (for message, see House, No. 4615), was considered.

Lunenburg,—
senior
property tax.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendments recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

In section 2 by striking out, in line 19, the word “Luneburg” and inserting in place thereof the following word: “Lunenburger”; and

By striking out section 5 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 5. No exemption shall be granted under this act until the department of revenue certifies a tax rate or rates for the applicable tax year where the total exemption amount is raised by a burden shift within the tax levy on all taxpayers.”.

The report was accepted; and the amendments then were adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Sunderland to continue the employment of Scott Smith (House, No. 4003), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Sunderland,—
Scott Smith.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town moderator of the town of Monson to act as an election officer in certain elections (Senate, No. 2500), 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

Repealing the prohibition of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority from locating a facility within a certain distance of the Arlington Catholic High School (House, No. 4236);

Relative to the retirement classification of certain employees of the city of Beverly (House, No. 4455); and

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

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At fourteen 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.