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Monday, June 10, 2024.

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.

## *Appointments to House Standing Committees.*

The Minority Leader announced, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, that he had made the following appointments to House standing committees:

That Representative Marsi of Dudley had been appointed to the eleventh position on the committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight, to fill the existing vacancy; and

House standing committees.

That Representative Marsi had been appointed to the tenth position on the committee on Post Audit and Oversight, to fill the existing vacancy.

## *Changes in Joint Standing Committees.*

The Minority Leader announced, under the provisions of House Rule 18A, that he had made the following changes and appointments to joint standing committees:

That Representative Vaughn of Wrentham has been relieved of duty (at his own request) from the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and that Representative Marsi of Dudley has been appointed to the thirteenth position on said committee to fill the vacancy; and

Joint standing committees.

That Representative Marsi had been appointed to the eleventh position on the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to fill the existing vacancy.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Catherine Mirick on her service to the town of Wellesley;

Catherine Mirick.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Cassidy of Brockton) congratulating Eddie Guaraldi on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday;

Eddie Guaraldi.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Puppolo of Springfield and other members of the House) recognizing the American Association of Endodontics and the role good oral hygiene plays in one's overall health and well-being;

American Association of Endodontics.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating New Hope, Inc. on forty-five years of dedicated service

New Hope, Inc.

throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Sabadosa of Northampton and Blais of Deerfield) congratulating Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. on its twentieth anniversary; and

Highland  
Ambulance  
EMS, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Soter of Bellingham and McKenna of Webster) commemorating the grand opening of the Uxbridge Fire Museum;

Uxbridge  
Fire Museum.

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

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Kassner of Hamilton and Senator Tarr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4741) of Kristin E. Kassner and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) that the town of Newbury be authorized to prohibit use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Newbury,—  
rodenticides.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4742) of Kristin E. Kassner and Bruce E. Tarr (by vote of the town) relative to the appointment and election restrictions on finance committee and capital planning members in the town of Newbury. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newbury,—  
election  
restrictions.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill establishing a resident taxpayer assistance fund in the town of Eastham (House, No. 2097) (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 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2798.

Eastham,—  
fund.

The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

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 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be granted until June 20, 2024, within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 538, 1284, 2080, 2088, 2103, 2112, 2113, 2120, 2136, 2137, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2147, 2150, 2152, 2154, 2166, 2174, 2178, and 2558, relative to matters of telecommunications, utilities and energy.

Telecommunication  
s, Utilities and  
Energy  
committee,—  
extension of time  
for reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, the order (Senate, No. 2718) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design

Interior design.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

(Senate, No. 2813) (on Senate bill No. 2805), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) 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. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Municipal  
sewer service.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco, an employee of the Department of the State Police. To the committee on Public Service.

Gabriella  
Ruocco,—  
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 furthering the success of opiate intervention programs (House, No. 2406);

Opiate intervention  
programs.

Relative to the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor of the city of Revere (House, No. 4551) [Local Approval Received];

Revere,—  
vacancies.

Dissolving the Whately Water District (House, No. 4574, changed); and

Whately.

Relative to city employment and candidacy in the offices of mayor, city councillor-at-large, ward councillor, and school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 4638) [Local Approval Received];

Revere,—  
candidates.

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 Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on House, No. 734, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to COVID-19 vaccinations (House, No. 4717) [Senator Fattman and Representatives Frost of Auburn and Vieira of Falmouth dissenting].

COVID-19  
vaccinations,—  
study.

By Mr. Driscoll, for the same committee, on House, No. 737, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning reporting of possible vaccine adverse events (House, No. 4718).

Vaccine  
adverse  
events,—  
study.

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 1836 and 1840, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning time and a half wages and state employment postings (House, No. 4674) [Representative Wong of Saugus dissenting].

Wages and state  
employment  
postings,—  
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on Senate, Nos. 1657, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2006, 2009, 2013, 2022, 2023, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2045, 2046, 2059, 2062, 2069, 2070 and 2072 and House, Nos. 6, 2982, 2983, 2991, 3000, 3004, 3008, 3009, 3020, 3022, 3023, 3034, 3038, 3039, 3046, 3049, 3053, 3054, 3055, 3056, 3063, 3065, 3066, 3067, 3068, 3071, 3073, 3074, 3076, 3077, 3078, 3080, 3083, 3088, 3089, 3093, 3094, 3096, 3100, 3101, 3102, 3103, 3104, 3107, 3117, 3118, 3120, 3123, 3124, 3126, 3129, 3130, 3131, 3132, 3668, 3670, 3781, 3914 and 3949, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning construction, contracts, state agencies, municipalities and other state administration and regulatory oversight issues (House, No. 4675).

Construction, contracts, state agencies, municipalities and other state administration and regulatory oversight issues,— 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.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on Senate, No. 1280 and House, No. 2094, a Bill to update the public shade tree law (House, No. 4732). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Public shade.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town moderator of the town of Monson to act as an election officer in certain elections (see Senate, No. 2500) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills enacted.

Authorizing the town of Sunderland to continue the employment of Scott Smith (see House, No. 4003, amended) (which 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.*

House bills

Directing the Worcester Regional County Retirement Board to credit Curtis Meskus (House, No. 4494) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

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

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.

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The House Bill authorizing the Orleans affordable housing trust to provide for the creation and preservation of attainable housing (House, No. 3934), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Orleans,—  
affordable  
housing trust.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 55C of chapter 44 of the General Laws, section 1 of chapter 104 of the Orleans Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bylaw is hereby amended by inserting after the words “low- and moderate-income households” the following words:— for the creation and preservation of attainable housing, as defined in §104-15.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3934, amended) 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.

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At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.