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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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Blais of Deerfield as his designee (under Section 66 of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) to the Rural Policy Advisory Commission.

Rural Policy
Advisory
Commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) commending the Arlington Friends of the Drama, Inc. on its one hundredth anniversary;

Arlington
Friends of
the Drama.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Fran Yuan on her retirement as co-Chair of the Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance; and

Fran
Yuan.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Williams of Springfield and Rogers of Cambridge) commending the Massachusetts Sickle Cell Association for its recognition of June 19, 2023 as "World Sickle Cell Day" in Massachusetts;

World Sickle
Cell Day.

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.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 20, 2023) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Representative Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3912) of Ryan M. Hamilton relative to automated external defibrillators in sporting facilities and stadiums. To the committee on Public Health.

Automated
external
defibrillators.

By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3913) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to protect Black women and girls in the Commonwealth. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland

Black women
and girls.

Security.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3914) of Brian W. Murray that the Secretary of the Commonwealth create and maintain a municipal public legal notice website to be available for viewing and searching by the general public. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Public legal notice website.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3909) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) relative to the facilities improvement fund in the town of Plymouth. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Plymouth,— facilities improvement fund.

By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3910) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer in the town of Dedham. To the committee on Public Service.

Dedham,— police appointments.

By Representatives Scarsdale of Pepperell and Kushmerek of Fitchburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3911) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and Michael P. Kushmerek (by vote of the town) that the town of Lunenburg be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Lunenburg,— property tax exemption.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2396) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the town of Tewksbury from the provisions of the civil service law with regard to the recruitment and hiring of full-time permanent police officers, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Tewksbury,— civil 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 Kate Lipper-Garabedian relative to assisted living facilities. 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 Elder Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Assisted living facilities.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 189) of Kay Khan, Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Children's cabinet.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, asking

Property

to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1162) of Christopher J. Worrell and others relative to property foreclosures,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing.

foreclosures.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3315, a Bill improving rail service on the Fairmount commuter rail line (House, No. 3908). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Fairmount
commuter
rail line.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to provide for a program of housing, community development, economic opportunities, support for local governments, increased innovation and job creation to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3862), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Bonds,—
terms.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and Senate to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

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 sixteen 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.