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Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

### *Statement Concerning Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville.*

A statement of Representative Peisch Wellesley concerning Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Uyterhoeven of Somerville, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for a portion of today's sitting because she was called away from the formal session due to official business elsewhere. If she had been present, she would have voted in the affirmative, in each instance, on roll call number 118, on passing to be enacted House, No. 4170; roll call number 119, on acceptance of the report of the committee of conference on House, No. 4744; and roll call number 120, on passing to be engrossed House, No. 4672. Her missing of roll calls today was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement  
concerning  
Ms. Uyterhoeven  
of Somerville.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed by the Clerk by Representative Hogan of Stow) recognizing Donald A. Lowe for more than thirty years of public service, including fifteen years of service to the town of Bolton, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Donald  
Lowe.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Hogan of Stow, 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 Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4747) of Mathew J. Muratore, Susan L. Moran and Kathleen R. LaNatra (by vote of the town) that the town of Plymouth be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Plymouth,—  
liquor  
licenses.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4748) of Patricia A. Duffy (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish the position of appointed treasurer for said city. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Holyoke,—  
treasurer.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Bills**

Designating a certain park in the city of Cambridge as Richard McKinnon park (Senate, No. 469) (on a petition); and

Cambridge,—  
McKinnon park.

Amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2816) (on Senate bill No. 2519) [Local Approval Received];

Wareham,—  
charter.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2818) of Michael J. Rodrigues and Paul A. Schmid, III (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Westport to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Westport,—  
liquor license.

*Reports of Committees.*

A report of the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4523) of Kimberly N. Ferguson that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Rutland, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cahill of Lynn.

Rutland,—  
land.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of the same member.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill supporting farm diversification and sustainability (House, No. 754), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4745). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Agriculture,—  
sustainability.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 4745) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to disability pensions for violent crimes (House, No. 4626), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to disability pensions and

Disability  
pensions.

critical incident stress management for violent crimes (House, No. 4746). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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. The bill (House, No. 4746) then was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, No. 764, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to embodied carbon (House, No. 4738) [Senator Tarr dissenting].

Embodied carbon,— study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1770, 1788, 1790, 1797, 1803, 1805, 1835, 1858, 1862, 1880, 1886, 1887, 1895, 1907, 1908, 1925, 1936 and 1951 and House, Nos. 2708, 2720, 2725, 2743, 2744, 2754, 2755, 2756, 2767, 2775, 2780, 2781, 2786, 2794, 2806, 2807, 2814, 2842, 2844, 2847, 2854, 2856, 2866, 2941, 2956, 2967, 2980, 3667, 4016 and 4078, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to Chapter 62F, corporate taxation and other related matters (House, No. 4720) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Chapter 62F; corporate taxation; and other related matters,— 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 Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to recovery coach licensure (House, No. 2005), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to treatments and coverage for substance use disorder and recovery coach licensure (House, No. 4743). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendment pending.

Recovery coaches,— licensure.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4636).

Bonds,— terms.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership (House, No. 4722), ought to pass [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$3,510,000,000.00].

Economic infrastructure,— bond bill.

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

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4740, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alicia Orlow (House, No. 4749). Read, and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Alicia Orlow,—  
sick leave.

*Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill relative to the use of hoisting equipment in vocational technical education (House, No. 2337) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mrs. Haddad of Somerset; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Vocational  
education,—  
hoisting.

*Engrossed Bills.*

Engrossed bills

Exempting William McGrath from the age restrictions for police officers in the town of Wrentham (see House, No. 4041); and

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Newton to appoint retired fire fighters for certain purposes (see House, No. 4561);

(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.

*Recess.*

At twenty-seven minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

*Engrossed Bill – Land Taking.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Sharon to change the use of a certain parcel of land acquired for outdoor recreational purposes to general municipal purposes (see House, No. 4170, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

Sharon,—  
land.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays (this being a bill providing for the taking of land or other easements used for conservation purposes, etc., as defined by Article XCVII of the Amendments to the Constitution); and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill enacted  
(land taking),—  
yea and nay  
No. 118.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 118](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Reports of Committees.*

Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2710) of the House Bill to prevent abuse and exploitation (House, No. 4241, amended), reported a bill with the same title (House, No. 4744). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Prevent  
abuse and  
exploitation.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the report was considered forthwith.

After debate on the question on acceptance of the report, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Conference  
committee  
report  
accepted,—  
yea and nay  
No. 119.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 119](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the report of the committee of conference was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Motion to Discharge a Certain Matter in the Orders of the Day.*

Prior to the noon recess,— The House Bill to ensure legal parentage equality (House, No. 4672), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham.

Parentage  
equality.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, further consideration thereof was postponed, on motion of the same member, until the hour of one o'clock P.M.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the bill was further considered.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting after section 2 the following section:

“SECTION 2A. Chapter 209C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the title, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following title: NONMARITAL CHILDREN AND PARENTAGE OF CHILDREN.”;

In section 50, in line 233, by striking out the word “provide” and inserting in place thereof the word “provided”;

By inserting after section 56 the following section:

“SECTION 56A. Said section 17 of said chapter 209C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 21 and 22, the words ‘putative father’s’ and inserting in place thereof the following words:- alleged genetic parent’s”;

In section 62, in line 292 and also in line 543, by inserting before the word “Rules” the following word “Massachusetts”; and

By striking out section 64.

The amendments were adopted.

Ms. Shand of Newburyport then moved to amend the bill by adding the following section:

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

“SECTION 66. Section 1 of chapter 46 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

In the record of births, name, date of birth, place of birth, and sex of child; legal names, dates of birth, residences, places of birth and surname at birth or adoption of parents. In the record of birth of a child born to parents not married to each other, the name of and other facts relating to the other parent or parents shall not be recorded except as provided in section 2 of chapter 209C where parentage has been acknowledged or adjudicated under the laws of the commonwealth or under the law of any other jurisdiction.”.

The amendment was adopted.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

After remarks on the question on passing the bill, as amended, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

**[See [Yea and Nay No. 120](#) in Supplement.]**

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4750, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to  
be engrossed,—  
yea and nay  
No. 120.

*Recess.*

At eleven minutes after three o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, June 12), on motion of Mr. Hunt of Boston (the Speaker being in the Chair), the House recessed until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M.; and at that time, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.