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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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor recommending legislation (under Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4759), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, June 13.

Weston,—
liquor
license.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

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From the Department of Correction (see Section 39D(b) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its Quarterly Restrictive Housing report for the first quarter of calendar year 2023;

Quarterly
Restrictive
Housing.

From the Department of Correction (see Section 39D(b) of Chapter 127 of the General Laws) submitting its Quarterly Restrictive Housing report for the second quarter of calendar year 2023; and

Id.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 117 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, as amended by Section 167 of Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022 and Section 44 of Chapter 77 the Acts of 2023) submitting a report of the Community Policing and Behavioral Health Advisory Council concerning a summary of comments from public hearings on crisis services in the Commonwealth;

Community
Policing and
Behavioral
Health
Advisory
Council.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and supplementary information for fiscal year 2023, was placed on file.

MetroWest
Transit
Authority.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4756).

Health Care Financing committee,— extension of time for reporting.

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4757).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4769) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Williamsburg be authorized to continue the employment of Glen Everett as a firefighter notwithstanding the mandatory retirement age in said town. To the committee on Public Service.

Williamsburg,— Glen Everett.

By Representative Livingstone of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4770) of Jay D. Livingstone (with approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the expansion of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the West End Neighborhood of the downtown sections of the city of Boston. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Boston,— library.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish an excise tax for certain applicable taxpayers in excess of the maximum permissible for single-family residences.

Single-family residences.

By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino for legislation to expand the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip.

Cleft treatment.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2819) of Barry R. Finegold (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Tewksbury to convert a certain parcel of land to general recreational purposes, was referred, in concurrence to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Tewksbury,— land.

Reports of Committees.

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 the security of exercise equipment and free weights in correctional institutions (House, No. 2422);

Relative to providing advanced life support to police dogs injured in the line of duty (House, No. 2423);

To promote transportation demand management (House, No. 3396);

Relative to improved headlight safety (House, No. 3419);

Further regulating the discharge of fireworks in densely populated neighborhoods (House, No. 3634);

Relative to medical parole (House, No. 3635); and

Amending the charter of the town of Scituate (House, No. 4559) [Local Approval Received];

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. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1763, 1766, 1767, 1806, 1849, 1856, 1866, 1916, 1920, 1933, 1947, 1948 and 1956 and House, Nos. 2694, 2700, 2703, 2717, 2718, 2742, 2746, 2763, 2764, 2771, 2776, 2783, 2787, 2820, 2821, 2825, 2826, 2827, 2828, 2830, 2833, 2846, 2855, 2861, 2867, 2869, 2880, 2881, 2895, 2896, 2917, 2921, 2927, 2951, 2977, 2978, 3662 and 3663, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to the fair share amendment, property taxes and other related matters (House, No. 4725) [Senator Fattman dissenting]. 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 asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to a voluntary do-not-sell list for firearms purchases (House, No. 2399).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety retention in gateway municipalities (House, No. 2401).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to firearm licensing modernization and accountability (House, No. 2410).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for an audit of gun violence prevention and intervention funding (House, No. 2420).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving road safety by better detecting impaired drivers (House, No. 2425).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the establishment of minority recruitment and selection program (House, No. 3636).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to

Jails,—
weights, etc.

Police dogs,—
life support.

Transportation.
Headlights.

Fireworks.

Medical parole.

Scituate,—
charter.

Fair share
amendment,
property taxes,
etc.,—
study.

Firearms,—
do-not-sell
list.

Gateway city
safety.

Firearms,—
licensing.

Gun violence
prevention.

Road
safety.

Minority
recruitment.

School buses,—
seatbelts.

school bus safety (House, No. 3791).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to assault weapons (House, No. 3897).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to missing Black women and girls in Massachusetts (House, No. 3913).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to allow temporary door-locking devices in public buildings (House, No. 4155).

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

By Mr. González of Springfield, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to POST certified law enforcement officers (House, No. 2388).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to protecting our waterways (House, No. 2390).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to public safety around hospitals with air emergency helipads (House, No. 2400).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to “Critical Incident Leave” (House, No. 2534).

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

Firearms,—
buyback.

Black women
and girls.

Public
buildings,—
door locks.

Officers,—
powers.

Waterways,—
protection.

Hospitals,—
helipads.

Critical
incident
leave.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to local law enforcement continuity between the city of Boston and the town of Dedham (House, No. 2299); and

Changing the use of school land in the city of Gardner (House, No. 4589);

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.

The House Bill designating a portion of state highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway (House, No. 4617), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 5 by inserting after the word “erect” the words “and maintain”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4617, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sheffield,—
Barnard
highway.

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 nine 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.