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Wednesday, June 26, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Representative Saunders of Belchertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Helen M. Garrow, 93, of Ludlow, who passed away peacefully on Monday, May 13, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Garrow was a beloved member of the Ludlow community and left behind a legacy as pioneer in the field of public service.

Helen
Garrow.

Helen built her career in public service in positions previously dominated by men all while navigating the challenges of raising her family. Helen served as the Treasurer of the Town of Ludlow for 12 years until retiring in 2000. Prior to this role, Helen served as Executive Director of the Ludlow Housing Authority, Secretary of the Ludlow Safety and Finance Committees, and served two terms on the Ludlow Board of Selectman with one year as Chair. Helen also served as Board Member and President of Western Mass Elder Care for upwards of 20 years.

Helen is survived by her devoted husband of 66 years, David Garrow, her sons Stephen and Jeffrey Garrow, her daughter Lisa Halpin, and her four grandchildren.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Chief Warren E. Nelson, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Bolton Police Department;

Warren
Nelson.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) honoring the Santa Maria Holy Ghost Society on their fiftieth anniversary;

Santa Maria
Society.

Resolutions (filed by Representative McMurtry of Dedham) congratulating James Michael and Ruth Alice Loughran on their sixtieth wedding anniversary; and

James and
Ruth Loughran.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Philips of Sharon, Rogers of Norwood, McMurtry of Dedham and Vaughn of Wrentham) commending Mrs. Jean Augusta, distinguished Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America's Troop 44 Walpole;

Jean
Augusta.

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. Day of Stoneham, the resolutions (reported by the

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committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Public Service,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4792), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Communications.

Communications

From the Division of Medical Assistance (see Section 10F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a quarterly report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2024 legislative report for the Children’s Medical Security Plan (CMSP) for the period January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024; and

Children’s
Medical
Security
Plan.

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 June 17, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program;

Emergency
housing
assistance.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly and Monthly Reports.

A quarterly report of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its third quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024; and

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Monthly Reports

Of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its report on overflow emergency shelter sites;

Overflow
shelter sites.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for May 2024; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent
rental
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

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By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4796) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Sherborn be authorized to convert one license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Sherborn,—
liquor
license.

By Representatives McKenna of Sutton and Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4797) of Joseph D. McKenna, Paul K. Frost and Ryan C. Fattman (by vote of the town) that the town of Oxford be authorized to continue the employment of Craig Gagner, a member of the police department of said town. To the committee on Public Service.

Oxford,—
Craig
Gagner.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston.

Boston,—
property
tax.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel R. Carey for legislation to establish a Historic Connecticut River Water Trail marking trust fund.

Connecticut
River Water
Trail.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill enabling the preparation of bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole in the city known as the town of Randolph (printed as House, No. 4049) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Randolph,—
bilingual
ballots.

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, that the communication from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission pursuant to Section 9B of Chapter 128A of the General Laws) submitting proposed regulations for 205 CMR 3.00 relative to harness horse racing and 205 CMR 6.00 relative to pari-mutuel rules for thoroughbred racing, harness racing, and greyhound racing (Senate, No. 2824), recommending that the same be placed on file, accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Massachusetts
Gaming
Commission,—
regulations.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco (House, No. 4755), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Gabriella
Ruocco,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The following House bills, severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, having been discharged from their position in the

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Orders of the Day, were read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Madaro of Boston:

Relative to student mental health (House, No. 1999);

Relative to enhanced fire protection in new one-and two-family dwellings (House, No. 2289); and

Relative to fire protection (House, No. 2290);

Severally were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Students.
Fire
protections.
Id.

Recess.

At sixteen minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M; and at thirteen minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 4496, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4790) [Total Appropriation: \$558,065,809.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Supplemental
appropriations.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills.

There being no objection,— Engrossed bills

Expanding the Historic Beacon Hill District (see House, No. 4076); and

Authorizing the town of Somerset to acquire interests in land for sewer purposes (see House, No. 4273);

(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.

Bills
enacted.

Reports of Committees.

The House then returned to consideration of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4790).

Supplemental
appropriations.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Michlewitz of Boston and other members of the House then moved to amend it in section 2A, in item 7008-1776, in line 58, by inserting after the word “Lowell” the following: “; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for planning and operating costs associated with the 250th anniversary celebrations in the town of Sudbury; provided further, that not less than \$325,000 shall be expended for the towns of Concord, Arlington, Lexington and Lincoln for planning and operating costs associated with the 250th anniversary celebrations; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the Berkshire Historical Society for coordination of 250th anniversary celebrations throughout Berkshire county; provided further, that not less than \$100,000 shall be expended for the Revolution 250, Inc. for statewide programming, educational and outreach efforts; provided further, that not less than \$75,000 shall be expended for the city of Quincy for planning and operating costs associated with the 250th celebrations”; and

In section 41, in line 552, by striking out the word “and”; and in line 555, by inserting after the year: “2027” the following:

“; (6) the agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists, Unit 9, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027;

(7) the agreement between the Court Administrator of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the National Association of Government Employees International Union, Local 5000, Units J2C and J2P, effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and

(8) the agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 509, Units 8 and 10, effective from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the consolidated amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required under the provisions of House Rule 33F, and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 125](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the consolidated amendments were adopted.

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. Michlewitz; and on the roll call 153 members voted in the affirmative and 1 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 126](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4799, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to municipal tax lien procedures and protections for property owners in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4624), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4791). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendment pending.

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, 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.

Consolidated amendments adopted,— yea and nay No. 125.

Bill passed to be engrossed,— yea and nay No. 126.

Municipal tax liens.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Cusack of Braintree, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Paulino of Methuen moved to amend it in section 5, in line 94, by inserting after the word “taxes” the words “offering a face-to-face meeting”.

The amendment was adopted.

Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington then moved to amend the bill in section 17, in line 271, by inserting after “delinquent” the words “and deferred”; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Consalvo of Boston then moved to amend the bill in section 3, in line 66, by striking out the word “certified”; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved to amend the bill in section 11, in lines 207 to 211, inclusive by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines; and the amendment was adopted.

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. Cusack of Braintree; and on the roll call 154 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 127](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4801, published as amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 127.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain land in the town of Lancaster to Robert F. Kennedy Community Alliance, Inc. (House, No. 3070), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4795). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling with the amendment pending.

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, 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, the noon recess having terminated, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Lancaster,—
land.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill making certain appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 before final action on the General Appropriation Bill (printed in House, No. 4786) [Total Appropriation: \$6,925,000,000.00]. Read; and 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 the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

State funds,—
emergency
expenditure.

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Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,—

The House Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (House, No. 4648), 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 2814.

Information
technology,—
bond bill.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of Mr. Finn of West Springfield, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Finn, Gregoire of Marlborough and Vaughn of Wrentham were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Conference
committee.

The House Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (House, No. 4671), 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 2826.

Veterans,—
benefits.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michael Moran of Boston, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michael Moran, Cassidy of Brockton and Xiarhos of Barnstable were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Conference
committee.

Recess.

At ten minutes before four o'clock P.M. (Wednesday, June 26), on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Donato of Medford 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. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.