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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Walsh of Peabody) congratulating Michael R. Pelletier on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Michael
Pelletier.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Friday, July 26, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4806);

Extensions
of time for
committees
to make
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Murphy of Weymouth) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Financial Services is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4813);

Order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4815);

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4811);

Order (filed by the same member) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current Senate document (House, No. 4812);

Order (filed by the same member) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4814);

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Order (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) relative to extending until Monday, July 22, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4808); and

Order (filed by the same member) relative to extending until Wednesday, September 4, 2024 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4809);

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.

Petition.

Representative Gregoire of Marlborough presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Danielle W. Gregoire that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough to Louis G. Monti, Jr., of said city; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Marlborough,—
land.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill to provide for the future information technology needs of Massachusetts (House, No. 4648), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2814) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Information
technology,—
bond.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Comerford, Edward Kennedy and Tarr had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

The House Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (House, No. 4671), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2826) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Veterans,—
benefits.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Velis, Rush and Fattman had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

A Bill upgrading the grid and protecting ratepayers (Senate, No. 2838) (on Senate bill No. 2829) [Senator Fattman, of the Senate committee on Ways and Means, dissenting], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Grid upgrades
and ratepayer
protections.

A Bill authorizing the town of Milton to use certain land acquired for conservation purposes for school purposes (Senate, No. 2840) (on Senate bill No. 2549) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read;

Milton,—
land.

and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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 Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel R. Carey for legislation to establish a Historic Connecticut River Water Trail marking trust fund. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Connecticut River Water Trail.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Steven Ultrino for legislation to expand the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip. To the committee on Financial Services.

Cleft treatment.

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 bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

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

Cambridge,— McKinnon park.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of East Bridgewater to select board (Senate, No. 2422) [Local Approval Received]; and

East Bridgewater.

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

Wareham,— charter.

House bills

Pertaining to public fire safety and professionalism (House, No. 2347);

Fire promotions.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Paul O'Brien (House, No. 4592) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,— Paul O'Brien.

Allowing "print-free" digital legal notices for the town of Lincoln (House, No. 4664) [Local Approval Received];

Lincoln,— digital notices.

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 Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 303, 471, 582, 642, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2133, 2136, 2137, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2144, 2145, 2149, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2174, 2179, 2180, 2184, 2185, 2188, 2189, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2196, 2199, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2205, 2206, 2212, 2214, 2216, 2217, 2219, 2221, 2223, 2227, 2228, 2230, 2232, 2235, 2236, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2255, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2272, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 3574, 3604, 3606, 3607, 3609, 3610, 3615, 3617, 3619, 3620, 3621, 3624, 3633, 3765, 3946, 4015 and 4098, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to immunizations, dental health, health care workers and other related matters (House, No. 4739). Referred,

Immunizations; dental health; health care workers; etc.,— study.

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under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, 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. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on Senate, Nos. 512 and 513 and House, Nos. 881 and 916, a Bill to establish a mattress recycling program in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4810) [Senator Edward J. Kennedy dissenting].

Mattresses,—
recycling.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, No. 3323, a Bill relative to liquid or gas flammable material spills on public ways (House, No. 4807).

Public
ways,—
spills.

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Newbury to adopt a bylaw restricting the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (House, No. 4741) [Local Approval Received].

Newbury,—
rodenticides.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the North Sherborn Water and Sewer District (House, No. 4627) [Local Approval Received].

North Sherborn
Water and
Sewer District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town charter in the town of Grafton relative to appointments by the town select board and the town administrator and the reference to the town's website (House, No. 4682) [Local Approval Received].

Grafton,—
appointments.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town charter in the town of Grafton relative to the town school committee and the Grafton housing authority (House, No. 4683) [Local Approval Received].

Grafton,—
school
committee.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter and the town clerk in town of Grafton (House, No. 4684) [Local Approval Received].

Grafton,—
town clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town charter in the town of Grafton relative to transitional provisions of the charter (House, No. 4685) [Local Approval Received].

Grafton,—
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Brookline to convey a parcel of land to the Pierce School Building Committee to install subsurface geothermal wells (House, No. 4723) [Local Approval Received].

Brookline,—
geothermal
wells.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the appointment and election restrictions on finance committee and capital planning members in the town of Newbury (House, No. 4742) [Local Approval Received].

Newbury,—
election
restrictions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing an appointed treasurer for the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4748, changed in section 5, in line 20, by striking out the words "regular general" and inserting in place thereof the word "special") [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,—
treasurer.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing an extended term of agreement between the town of Foxborough and the town of Sharon for municipal sewer service (House, No. 4754).

Foxborough
and Sharon,—
sewer service.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4678) [Local Approval Received].

Stoneham,—
civil service.

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gabriella Ruocco (House, No. 4755), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

The House Bill updating the accuracy of membership to the state advisory council on early education and care (House, No. 551), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Early education
and care council.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4816), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill allowing electronic delivery receipts for certain bulk sale customers (House, No. 4132), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Bulk sales,—
electronic
receipts.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 8 by inserting after the word “writing” the words “, which may be through electronic means”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4132, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill providing for state financial interests flexibility (House, No. 4462), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Financial
interests
flexibility.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moves to amend it by striking out section 3 and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for state financial interests flexibility, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4462, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At thirteen 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.