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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.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Duffy of Holyoke) congratulating Ethel Judge on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Ethel
Judge.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Lombardo of Billerica) congratulating Paul Holmes on his one hundredth birthday;

Paul
Holmes.

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. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting the Crime Gun annual report of the Department of the Massachusetts State Police for calendar year 2022;

Crime guns,—
recovery.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 131Q of Chapter 140 of the General Laws) submitting a report on the recovery of crime guns in the Commonwealth during calendar year 2022; and

Id.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see item 4403-2000 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting notification for a one-time additional payment to children in Transitional Assistance to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) households;

TAFDC,—
payment.

Severally were placed on file.

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 Holmes of Boston and Senator Miranda, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3962) of Russell E. Holmes and Liz Miranda for legislation to provide equitable sentencing for felony and joint venture murder. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Sentencing,—
murder.

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3963) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Mike Connolly and Vanna Howard relative to zoning and the alleviation of the housing emergency. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Housing,—
zoning.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Robertson of Tewksbury presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of David Allen Robertson (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt Joanne Ricardelli from the maximum age requirement for appointment as a firefighter in the town of Wilmington; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Wilmington,—
Joanne
Ricardelli.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to certain ticket transactions.

Ticket
transactions.

By Representative Ryan of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel J. Ryan (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to improve and modernize planning and community development in the city of Boston.

Boston,—
community
development.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 2369) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Westfield,—
Greg Heath.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to motor vehicle distributors, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Transportation.

Motor
vehicle
distributors.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2413) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the city of Northampton to grant seven additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3952) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Northampton,—
liquor licenses.

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.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Revere to pay a certain sum

Revere,—
George
Rotondo.

of money to the estate of George J. Rotondo, Jr. (House, No. 2055) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the school committee of the city of Revere (House, No. 2058) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 2081) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hull to lease certain property and to extend leases on certain property to promote economic development and the more effective use of town property (House, No. 2083) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the town of Middleborough (House, No. 2092) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to property tax classifications in the city of Watertown (House, No. 2910) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to [sic] Yarmouth tourism funding change (House, No. 3796) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to grant abatement of real estate taxes for the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy (House, No. 3906) [Local Approval Received].

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

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.

Revere,—
school
committee.

Dedham,—
charter.

Hull,—
property
leases.

Middleborough,—
charter.

Watertown,—
property taxes.

Yarmouth,—
tourism fund.

Shrewsbury,—
Christopher
Roy.

Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (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.