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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 Representatives Gregoire of Marlborough, Lewis of Framingham, Donaghue of Westborough and Sousa of Framingham) congratulating Robert E. Neidich on the occasion of his ninety-ninth birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Robert
Neidich.

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

Order.

The 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, was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care
Financing,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4828), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Blais for legislation to impose a penalty for child sexual abuse visual materials.

Child abuse,—
penalties.

By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost relative to non-outcome based or performance based wagers.

Wagers.

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad that the Teachers' Retirement System be directed to credit Wendy Lopriore, a member of said system, with creditable service for service rendered at Bristol Community College.

Wendy
Lopriore,—
creditable
service.

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By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to further regulate certain easements granted to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for the extension of the Metrowest water supply.

Metrowest water supply,—
easement.

By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven George Xiarhos for legislation to establish a special commission to study the potential risks to cities and towns from the onshore electrical infrastructure supporting offshore wind energy generation projects.

Offshore wind,—
study.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2854) of Michael D. Brady and David F. DeCoste (by vote of the town) for legislation amending a conservation restriction in the town of Hanson, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Hanson,—
conservation restriction.

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 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

Marlborough,—
land.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate September 22 as military service members and veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day;

Veterans suicide awareness day.

Severally to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, on the Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning construction, contracts, state agencies, municipalities and other state administration and regulatory oversight issues (House, No. 4675), reported, in part, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3107) of John H. Rogers, Michael F. Rush and others for legislation to designate cookies and cream as the official ice cream flavor of the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be recommitted to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Ice cream,—
official flavor.

Report of the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4679) of Kate Donaghue, Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore (by vote of the town) relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of

Westborough,—
bidding requirements.

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Westborough. Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill relative to POST certified law enforcement officers (House, No. 2388), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Officers,—
powers.

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

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, Nos. 609 and 4119, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to college and career readiness, technology and data (House, No. 4586).

Education,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 445, 455, 461, 462, 463, 464, 487, 509, 520, 543, 581, 587, 599 and 607, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to curriculum and instruction (House, No. 4587) [Representative Pease of Westfield dissenting].

Curriculum and
instruction,—
study.

By Ms. Garlick, for the same committee, on House, No. 4305, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to charter schools (House, No. 4762).

Charter
schools,—
study.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on House, No. 4295, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to advanced practice nursing reimbursement (House, No. 4760).

Advanced
practice nursing,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4456, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to wages (House, No. 4761).

Wages,—
study.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, No. 3761, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Higher Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to higher education (House, No. 4763).

Higher
education,—
study.

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

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 were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 2504, a Bill to mandate the review of climate risk in order to protect public pension beneficiaries and taxpayers (House, No. 4819).

Climate
risk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2478, a Bill relative to compliance officers at the Department of Fire Services (House, No. 4820).

Fire
Services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2683, a Bill providing the next of kin of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty with the flags of the Commonwealth and the United States (House, No. 4821).

Line of
duty deaths,—
flags.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to low-embodied carbon concrete (House, No. 3002).

Low-embodied
carbon
concrete.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to resilient buildings and climate preparedness (House, No. 3028).

Building regulations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring state procurement of low-carbon building materials (House, No. 3035).

Building materials.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to minority participation goals in exclusive contracts (House, No. 3041).

Contracts,— minorities.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to rate fairness for water and sewer ratepayers under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (House, No. 3114).

Water authority,— ratepayers.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4238, a Bill increasing the age limit for the appointment of special police officers in the city of Springfield (House, No. 4822) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Springfield,— special police.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House bills scheduled for consideration by the House:

Making firearm owners civilly liable for damage caused by lost or stolen firearms (House, No. 2308); and

Firearms,— civil liability.

Relative to firearm industry accountability and gun violence victims' access to justice (House, No. 2380);

Firearm manufacturers.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill increasing penalties for hit and runs with recreational vehicles in the Commonwealth to be known as the James Ward Act (House, No. 4354), 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 Senate Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Barnstable to change the use of a portion of a certain parcel of land within Mother's Park (Senate, No. 2720), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Barnstable,— land.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4829.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 2720, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.