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Thursday, July 11, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), 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 Sullivan-Almeida of Abington) congratulating Lieutenant Frank F. Vardaro on the occasion of his retirement from the Brockton Police Department, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Frank
Vardaro.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Meschino of Hull, the resolutions (reported by the 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 Saturday, August 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current 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. 4851), ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Quarterly Report.

A quarterly report of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 40 of Chapter 126 of the General Laws) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the second quarter of calendar year 2024, was placed on file.

Plymouth
County Sheriff,—
population.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4856) of Edward R. Philips and Paul R. Feeney (by

Sharon,—
recall
elections.

vote of the town) relative to the recall of elected officers in the town of Sharon. To the committee on Election Laws.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4857) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sharon,—
hearing
notices.

By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4858) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Lee be authorized to continue the employment of Glenn M. Wilcox as the assistant chief of the fire department of said town;

Lee,—
Glenn
Wilcox.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4859) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Christina Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,—
Christina
Rodriguez.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4860) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Gustavo Romero to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Haverhill,—
Gustavo
Romero.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 petition of Kathleen R. LaNatra relative to the transfer of real property from the Silver Lake regional school district to the town of Kingston. Under of suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Kingston,—
land.

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:

Authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 2062) [Local Approval Received];

Bedford,—
hearings.

Authorizing the city known as the town of Franklin to utilize alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 2108) [Local Approval Received];

Franklin,—
hearings.

Authorizing the town of Dracut to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 4430) [Local Approval Received];

Dracut,—
hearings.

Allowing “print free” digital legal notices for the town of Lexington (House, No. 4650) [Local Approval Received];

Lexington,—
digital notices.

Authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of police officer John Haswell (House, No. 4686) [Local Approval Received]; and

Natick,—
John Haswell.

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.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 3983, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to election laws (House, No. 4767).

Pembroke recall,—
study.

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on House, No. 4198, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to continuing care agreements (House, No. 4793) [Representative Montañó of Boston dissenting].

Continuing care
agreements,—
study.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management, on Senate, No. 223, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document relative to emergency preparedness and management (House, No. 4764) [Representative Frost of Auburn dissenting].

Pandemic
schools,—
study.

By Mr. Driscoll, for the same committee, on House, No. 736, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to emergency preparedness and management (House, No. 4765).

Climate
resiliency
task force.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 752, 808, 812, 814, 816, 818, 844, 849, 904 and 4150, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to forest protection, pesticides, fur products and other related matters (House, No. 4794).

Forest protection,
pesticide, fur
products, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4402, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to public service (House, No. 4766).

Sheila
Commisso,—
study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, No. 1765, and House, No. 2913, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of a certain Senate document and House document relative to Brownfields tax credit (House, No. 4734).

Brownfields
tax credit,—
study.

Severally 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, 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 report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

To expand the doula workforce (House, No. 1154) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Doula
workforce.

Relative to certified medication aides (House, No. 2243) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Medication
aides.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on a petition, a Bill relative to healthcare industry recruitment and education for the 21st Century (House, No. 1220) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Healthcare,—
recruitment.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 781 and House, No. 1245, a Bill relative to the primary care workforce development and loan repayment grant program at community health centers (House, No. 1245) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Community health centers.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4759, a Bill 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. 4849).

Weston,—
liquor license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4747, a Bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4850) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—
liquor licenses.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a recommitted petition, a Bill relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4679) [Local Approval Received].

Westborough,—
project bidding.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a resident taxpayer assistance fund in the town of Eastham (see House, No. 2097, amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation facility Title IX compliance (House, No. 923), 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.

Recess.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon. the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

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

Next sitting.

At a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.