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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 Roy of Franklin) congratulating Gabrielle “Ellie” Dalton for her outstanding work with the Franklin community dog “Officer Ben”;

Gabrielle
Dalton.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating Nicholas Spence Adams on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Nicholas
Adams.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Stanley of Waltham and Lawn of Watertown) congratulating Gregory Warren Doane on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Gregory
Doane.

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. Garballey of Arlington, 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 Justice Reinvestment Policy Oversight Board (see Section 11 of Chapter 7D of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on the collection of data and the compliance with justice reinvestment policies for fiscal year 2024; and

Justice
Reinvestment
Oversight Board.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4513-1001 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Public Health’s report entitled: Grants to Support Improvements in Reproductive Health Access, Infrastructure and Security in Massachusetts;

Reproductive
health access,
infrastructure
and security.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for June 2024, was placed on file.

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Durant presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4875) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish the appointed position of town clerk in the town of Westminster; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westminster,—
clerk.

Representative Frost of Auburn presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul K. Frost and David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf that the Worcester County Retirement Board be authorized to credit Nathan Hagglund, a member of the Worcester regional retirement system, with certain creditable service in the town of Leicester; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Nathan
Hagglund,—
creditable
service.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Order relative to extending until Wednesday, July 10, 2024 the time within which the committee on Housing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4553), came from the Senate adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment, in line 2, striking out the figures: “10” and inserting in place thereof the figures: “31”.

Housing,—
extension of
time for making
reports.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Arciero of Westford, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills

Providing for the disability retirement of Casey L’Italien, a police officer in the city known as the town of Randolph (Senate, No. 2763) (on Senate, No. 1738) [Local Approval Received]; and

Randolph,—
Casey
L’Italien.

Establishing appointed positions of district clerk and district treasurer for the Raynham center water district (Senate, No. 2857) (on Senate bill No. 1320) [Local Approval Received];

Raynham center
water district.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Marc R. Pacheco and Angelo L. D’Emilia for legislation to authorize the release of parcels of land in the town of Raynham from certain restrictions, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Raynham,—
land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2872) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Reports of Committees.

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:

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Regarding the appointment of officials and employees of the town of Andover (House, No. 4639, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4679) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the city of Springfield to continue the employment of police officer Lawrence E. Akers (House, No. 4768) [Local Approval Received]; and

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) [Local Approval Received];

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 Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, Nos. 658, 659, 662, 663, 666, 667, 670, 671, 672, 673, 678, 679, 680, 682, 683, 686, 687, 688, 689, 691, 692, 693, 695, 698, 699, 700, 703, 704, 706, 711, 712, 713, 715, 716, 717, 720, 722, 723, 725, 727, 728, 731, 3576, 3742, 3840, 3874, 3899, 3918, 3973 and 4114, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to election laws (House, No. 4733) [Senator Fattman and Representative Frost of Auburn dissenting].

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on House, Nos. 744, 745, 747, 774, 806, 832, 834, 841, 842, 848, 856, 858, 867, 883, 885, 901 and 918, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to waterways, wastewater, floods and other related matters (House, No. 4735) [Senator Tarr dissenting].

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 report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3996, a Bill to amend chapter 336 of the acts of 2004 relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of clubs or veterans' organizations in the town of Natick (House, No. 4865) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4089, a Bill authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant an additional 7 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4866) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4176, a Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4867) [Local Approval Received].

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Reading to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4784) [Local Approval Received].

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

Andover,—
appointments.

Westborough,—
contracts.

Springfield,—
Lawrence Akers.

Weston,—
liquor
license.

Election Laws,—
study.

Waterways,
wastewater,
floods, etc.—
study.

Natick,—
liquor
licenses.

Wrentham,—
liquor
licenses.

Holliston,—
liquor
license.

North Reading,—
property tax
exemption.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown (see House, No. 3931) (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 amending the charter of the city of Gardner (House, No. 4285), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Gardner,—
charter.

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. 4868), which was read.

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

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.

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