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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.

Petitions.

The following additional petition (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock P.M., on Friday, January 20, 2023) was referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

Unused utility corridors,—taxation.

Representative Ciccolo of Lexington presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4000) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and Walter F. Timilty for legislation to establish a local option municipal excise tax on certain unused utility corridors. To the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3996) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) for legislation to further regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of clubs or veterans' organizations in the town of Natick; and

Natick, liquor licenses.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4001) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) that the town of Weston be authorized to grant a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages at a food store in said town.

Weston, liquor license.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. By Representative Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3997) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Needham. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Needham,—charter.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3998) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Holliston be authorized to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief of said town notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Holliston,— Mark Dellicker.

By Representative Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3999) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) that town of Needham be authorized to exempt all positions in the fire department of said town from certain provisions of the civil service law.

Needham,— civil service.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Murphy for legislation to protect seniors and adults with disabilities from financial exploitation.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron L. Saunders, Jacob R. Oliveira and Todd M. Smola for legislation to designate a certain bridge on state Route 9 between the towns of Belchertown and Ware as the Kenneth J. Iwasinski memorial bridge.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Aaron L. Saunders and others for legislation to further regulate access to certain library materials.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to the definition of beverage under the "bottle bill", so-called.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to a sales tax exemption for certain apparel products for children.

By Representative Zlotnik of Gardner and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jonathan D. Zlotnik for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the Department of Correction.

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

Financial exploitation prevention.

Belchertown and Ware,— Iwasinski bridge.

Library materials,—access.

Beverages,—definition.

Children's apparel.

Kimberly Riggins, sick leave.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Scituate to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 2424) (on Senate bill No. 1710) [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.

Scituate, special police.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2420) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wellfleet to acquire year-round housing occupancy restrictions. To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2418) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the prevailing wage in the town of Wellfleet. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2422) of Michael D. Brady, Gerard J. Cassidy and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida (by vote of the town) for legislation to change the board of selectmen in the town of East Bridgewater to a select board;

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2415) of Brendan P. Crighton and Jennifer Balinsky Armini (by vote of the town) for legislation to change the elected term for select board members from 1 year to 3 years in the town of Marblehead;

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2417) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Nantucket to convey for roadway and any other purposes certain parcels of land within the roadway known as Ames Avenue, and shown as lots 35-38 (inclusive) in block 31 on land court plan no. 2408-m filed with the Nantucket registry district of the land court situated in the town of Nantucket held for conservation or recreational purposes to be conveyed for roadway and/or any purposes; and

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2423) of John C. Velis and Kelly W. Pease (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the charter of the city of Westfield;

Wellfleet,—housing restrictions.

Wellfleet, prevailing wage.

East Bridgewater, select board.

Marblehead,—select board.

Nantucket,—land.

Westfield,—charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2419) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Wellfleet to establish a real estate transfer fee; and

Wellfleet,—transfer fee.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2421) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to expand the exemption for residential property in the town of Wellfleet;

Wellfleet,—exemption.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

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 Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for legislation to establish an income tax credit for zero-emission and hybrid mobile machinery. To the committee on Revenue.

Zero-emission tax credit.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of James K. Hawkins and others for legislation to encourage the improvement of free libraries and library systems. To the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Free libraries and library systems.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, 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:

The Senate Bill providing for the retirement of Greg Heath, a former firefighter of the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 2369) [Local Approval Received]; and

Greg Heath.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt the position of deputy fire chief from civil service (House, No. 3720) [Local Approval Received];

civil service. Boston,—

Wrentham,-

Westfield,-

Directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis (House, No. 3732) [Local Approval Received];

Wendy Pierre-Louis.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Ana C. Contreras (House, No. 3848);

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the town of Maynard (House, No. 3930) [Local Approval Received];

Ana Contreras. Maynard, special police.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers as special police officers in the town of Freetown (House, No. 3931) [Local Approval Received]; and

Freetown,— special police.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Anastasios Milonopoulos, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (House, No. 3981);

Anastasios Milonopoulos.

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

Pittsfield,—contract.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1 year or multiple year contract to audit (House, No. 2045) [Local Approval Received].

Auburn, water district.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Auburn Water District clerk and treasurer (House, No. 2048).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Board of Health in the town of Reading (House, No. 2072) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing representative town meetings (House, No. 2089) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill increasing the number of members for the select board of the town of Lakeville (House, No. 2093) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town of Monson treasurer-collector position (House, No. 3716) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the act establishing a charter for the town of Wrentham (House, No. 3717) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill approving the Townsend special act charter (House, No. 3728) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the town of Avon's by-laws (House, No. 3746, changed in line 1 by striking out the following: "sections 21 and 40" and inserting in place thereof the following: "section 21 of chapter 40") [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the home rule charter of the city of Beverly (House, No. 3747) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the board of selectmen in the town of Westport (House, No. 3751) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of a commissioner of health and human services in the city of Brockton (House, No. 3824) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the membership of the housing commission in the town of Lincoln (House, No. 3827) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill changing the name of the board of selectmen of the town of Gosnold to selectboard (House, No. 3842) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3729, a Bill permitting the town of Wakefield to convey an easement to the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (House, No. 3995) [Local Approval Received].

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

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to grant abatement of real estate taxes for the daughter of fallen firefighter Christopher Roy (House, No. 3906), 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.

Reading,—board of health.

Milford, town meetings.

Lakeville,—select board.

Monson, treasurercollector.

Wrentham,—charter.

Townsend,—charter.

Avon,—by-laws.

Beverly,—charter.

Westport,—selectmen.

Brockton,—appointment.

Lincoln, housing commission.

Gosnold,— selectboard.

Wakefield, easement.

Third reading bill.

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 nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.