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Monday, July 22, 2024.

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.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and turned the gavel over to Ms. Decker of Cambridge, who then introduced former Harvard student Reed Shafer-Ray. Accompanying Mr. Shafer-Ray were the Mountaintop International Fellows, representing ten countries, who are attending a two week leadership course at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. They were the guests of Ms. Decker of Cambridge.

Mountaintop  
International  
Fellows.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Muratore of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston) commemorating the one hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the National Monument to the Forefathers in Plymouth, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

National  
Monument to  
the Forefathers.

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

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Straus of Mattapoissett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4893) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) that the town of Fairhaven be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Fairhaven,—  
liquor  
license.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4894) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to amend the training requirement for the fire department cadet program in the city of Boston. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—  
fire department  
cadet program.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Miss Garry of Dracut presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry that the Dracut water supply district be authorized to supply and sell water for domestic and other purposes; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Dracut water supply district.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill enhancing the market review process (House, No. 4653), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2881; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act enhancing the health care market review process".

Health care,—market review process.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the amendments were considered forthwith.

The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendments; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Lawn, Moran of Lawrence and Kane of Shrewsbury were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

The House Bill facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4042), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2875. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Wellesley,—community housing.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2874) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Harwich,—affordable housing.

*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:

Allowing print free digital legal notices for the town of Arlington (House, No. 4027) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,—notices.

Enhancing public safety in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4678) [Local Approval Received];

Stoneham,—public safety.

Establishing an appointed treasurer for the city of Holyoke (House, No. 4748, changed) [Local Approval Received]; and

Holyoke,—treasurer.

To establish a DNA exception rule for victims of rape (House, No. 4836);

Rape,—DNA.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1399, 1400, 1407, 1427, 1461, 1475, 1479, 1487, 1554, 1565, 1597, 1601, 1603, 1671, 1683, 1687, 1703, 1708, 1753, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1768, 1797 and 1821,

Human trafficking, juvenile offenders,

an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to human trafficking, juvenile offenders, assaults on sports officials and other related matters (House, No. 4831). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

etc.,—  
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant certain easements to the town of Bourne (House, No. 4863) [Local Approval Received].

Bourne,—  
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill providing for the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey a certain parcel of land in the city of Marlborough (House, No. 4864).

Marlborough,—  
land.

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 a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue employment of Glen Everett beyond the age of 65 (House, No. 4769) [Local Approval Received].

Williamsburg,—  
Glen Everett.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill designating veterans suicide awareness and remembrance day (House, No. 4862).

Veterans  
suicide  
awareness day.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill restricting the weight of motor vehicles along Ledge Road in the town of Chelmsford (House, No. 3876) [Local Approval Received].

Chelmsford,—  
Ledge Road  
restrictions.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Senate Bill relative to pharmaceutical access, costs and transparency (Senate, No. 2520), ought to pass with amendments by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4891; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act promoting access and affordability of prescription drugs." Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Pharmaceuticals.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill designating a certain park in the city of Cambridge as Richard McKinnon park (Senate, No. 469), 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, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

#### House bills

Increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Boston (House, No. 4507); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

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);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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.

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