Thursday, July 25, 2024 (at 11:00 o'clock A.M.).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Silent Tribute.

During the session (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), at the request of Representatives Biele of Boston and Cusack of Braintree, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Leo P. Horne, Jr. Born on August 31, 1948 in South Boston, Mr. Horne enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and served overseas in Germany and Vietnam. A recipient of The Purple Heart, Mr. Horne was honorably discharged in 1972. Following his military service, Mr. Horne worked in private security and banking, before opening a local convenience store in South Boston which he operated for twenty-five years before retiring to Braintree.

Leo Horne.

Mr. Horne passed away peacefully in the early morning of July 3, 2024. Brother of Nancy and Daniel, Mr. Horne leaves behind his beloved wife Jean, his sons Leo and James, and his grandchildren Michael, Mason, Liam, Cecilia, Grace, and Sean.

Guests.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced a group of exchange students with UMass Dartmouth, from the United Kingdom who were seated in the Chamber. They were the guests of Representative Cabral of New Bedford.

UMass Dartmouth exchange students.

Petition.

Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Cronin presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4920) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) relative to means tested senior citizen property tax exemptions in the town of Westford; and the same was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westford,—senior tax exemptions.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to disability pensions and critical incident stress management for violent crimes (House, No. 4746), 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 2887. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Disability pensions.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the amendment (having been reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was considered; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill reorganizing the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (House, No. 3775), 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 2890. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Lexington,—housing board.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to provide for the disposition of certain property in the town of Upton, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Upton,—land.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2892) 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:

Establishing the official ice cream flavor of the Commonwealth (House, No. 3107);

Amending the appointment and election restrictions on finance committee and capital planning members in the town of Newbury (House, No. 4742) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the expansion of a branch of the Boston Public Library within an affordable housing development in the West End Neighborhood of the downtown sections of the city of Boston (House, No. 4880) [Local Approval Received];

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

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for improvements to the metropolitan water supply system (House, No. 4861).

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston (House, No. 4805) [Local Approval Received].

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill authorizing employment contracts with persons serving as Deputy Police Chief in the town of Milford (House, No. 4779) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill increasing the membership of the Select Board for the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4818) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to correct a statutory reference (House, No. 4847) [Local Approval Received].

Cookies and cream.

Newbury, election restrictions.

Boston, library.

Metrowest energy supply, easement.

Boston, property tax classification.

Milford,—deputy police chief.

Lancaster,—select board.

Hopkinton,—charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Orange to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4882) [Local Approval Received].

Orange, land.

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

Motions to Discharge Certain Matters in the Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill amending the charter of the town of Wareham (Senate, No. 2816), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Wareham, charter.

The House Bill relative to the offense of assault and battery upon a public employee (House, No. 4355) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Public employees,—assault.

The House Bill authorizing an extended term of agreement between the town of Foxborough and the town of Sharon for municipal sewer service (House, No. 4754), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was discharged from its position in the Orders of the Day and read a third time forthwith, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Foxborough and Sharon,— municipal sewer.

Recess.

At four minutes after twelve o'clock noon (Thursday, July 25), on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and at three minutes after one o'clock the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of Committees.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to animal welfare and DCF regulations (House, No. 198), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to animal welfare and reporting of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect (House, No. 4911). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Animal welfare.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lewis of Framingham, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 159 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 143 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4911) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes, and bears in traveling exhibits and shows (House, No. 3245), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to the use of elephants, big cats, primates, giraffes and bears in traveling exhibits and shows (House, No. 4915). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Fiola of Fall River, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill, to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 144 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4915) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to a commission to study the intentional misrepresentation of a service animal (House, No. 4329), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4917). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Bill passed to be engrossed, yea and nay No. 143.

Animals, traveling shows.

Bill passed to be engrossed, yea and nay No. 144.

Service animals,—study.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 159 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed, yea and nay No. 145.

[See Yea and Nay No. 145 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4917) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Kennels, safety.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to increase kennel safety, aka Ollie's Law (House, No. 4564), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4919). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Ms. Fiola of Fall River; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 159 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

Bill passed to be engrossed, yea and nay No. 146.

[See Yea and Nay No. 146 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4919) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair),— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill regulating the practice and licensure of veterinary technicians (House, No. 332), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4912). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,— By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill preserving public trust rights in land affected by ocean erosion (House, No. 807), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4913). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

technicians, licensure.

Veterinary

Ocean erosion,—public rights.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill regulating central service technicians (House, No. 2200), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4914). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill to protect the collective bargaining rights of certain administrative employees (House, No. 4137), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4916). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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.

Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair,—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to breast cancer equity and early detection (House, No. 4410), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a Bill relative to medically necessary breast screenings and exams for equity and early detection (House, No. 4918). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Central service technicians.

Collective bargaining.

Breast cancer.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill (having been 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.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1485) of Michael J. Finn, Sean Garballey and others relative to authorizing supported probate law decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Adults with disabilities.

Recess.

At twenty-six minutes before four o'clock P.M. (Thursday, July 25), on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twenty-five minutes after five o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The Senate Bill relative to pharmaceutical access, costs and transparency (see Senate, No. 2520, amended), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had non-concurred with the House in its amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 4910; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act promoting access and affordability of prescription drugs.").

Prescription

drugs.

The bill bore the further endorsement that the Senate had appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Friedman, Cronin and Tarr had been appointed to the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of conference.

On motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the House insisted on its amendments; and concurred with the Senate in the appointment of a committee of conference. Representatives Lawn, Moran of Lawrence and Barrows of Mansfield were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be noted.

Id.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Wareham (see Senate, No. 2816) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bill enacted.

Relative to disability pensions and critical incident stress management for violent crimes (see House, No. 4746, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

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.

Mr. Wong of Saugus then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without proceeding to consideration of the matters in the Orders of the Day, at twenty-eight minutes after five o'clock P.M. (Thursday, July 25) (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.