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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.

Communication.

A communication from the Department of Environmental Protection (see Section 3 of Chapter 21I of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2021 relative to the Toxics Use Reduction Program, was placed on file.

Toxic Use
Reduction
Program.

Petitions.

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

By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4015) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark for an investigation and study by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services of payment models, uniform assessment and nonpublic emergency ambulance assessed charges set for nonpublic ambulance service. To the committee on Public Health.

Ambulance
charges.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4016) of Michelle L. Ciccolo for legislation to provide preferential tax rates to certain public benefit corporations; and

Public benefit
corporations.

By Representatives Duffy of Holyoke and Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4017) of Patricia A. Duffy and Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a public higher education facilities modernization and reconstruction trust fund with certain dedicated sales tax revenue.

Higher
education
trust fund.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4018) of Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to transportation resiliency planning. To the committee on Transportation.

Transportation,—
planning.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Berthiaume of Spencer presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4014) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of North Brookfield be authorized to continue the employment of Chief Joseph Holway and Captain David Martin of the fire department of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

North
Brookfield,—
Joseph Holway
and David
Martin.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jody Ricketson, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Jody
Ricketson,—
sick leave.

By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to multi-family zoning in MBTA communities.

Multi-family
zoning.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Paul Verdini, an employee of the Department of Correction.

Paul
Verdini,—
sick leave

By Representative Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David T. Vieira for legislation to designate a certain bridge on state Route 28 in the town of Falmouth as the Kevin P. Quinn memorial bridge.

Falmouth,—
Quinn bridge.

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

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the Senate amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2375) of the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3547), reported, a bill with the same title (House, No. 4013) [Total Appropriation: \$375,000,000.00]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Municipal
roads and
bridges.

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 Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark relative to repealing certain fiscal stability procedures of the Chesterfield-Goshen Regional School District. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Owens of Watertown, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chesterfield-
Goshen
Regional
School
District.

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:

Creating a maximum allowable check-cashing rate (House, No. 344);

Check cashing.
Blandford,—
town meeting.

Validating the annual town meeting for the town of Blandford (House, No. 661) [Local Approval Received]; and

Validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Lancaster (House, No. 3578) [Local Approval Received];

Lancaster,—
town election.

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

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill exempting Joanne Ricardelli from the maximum age requirements for firefighters in the town of Wilmington (House, No. 3964) [Local Approval Received].

Wilmington,—
Joanne
Ricardelli.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Riggins, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4006).

Kimberly
Riggins,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the board of health in the town of Reading (House, No. 2072); and
Relative to the retirement benefits of the surviving beneficiary of Robert Lawler
(House, No. 2649);

Third
reading
bills.

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 tomorrow at
eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden
(Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the
following day at eleven o'clock A.M.