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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess, turned the gavel over to Representative Howard of Lowell. Ms. Howard then recognized members of BAPS Boston who were in the Chamber to celebrate the passage of Resolutions commemorating "BAPS" Swaminarayan Sanstha on fifty years of service and faith. They were the guests of Ms. Howard of Lowell.

"BAPS"
Sanstha.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Howard and other members of the House) commemorating "BAPS" Swaminarayan Sanstha on fifty years of service and faith;

"BAPS"
Sanstha.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Livingstone of Boston, Domb of Amherst and other members of the House) recognizing the importance of disability voting rights during the week of September 9-13, 2024;

Disability
voting
rights.

Resolutions (filed by Representative MacGregor of Boston) congratulating Patrick James Emery on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Patrick
Emery.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Norwood) commending Meaghan Kowalski of Norwood for her heroic actions; and

Meaghan
Kowalski.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Rogers of Norwood) commending Paula Tolley of Norwood for her heroic actions;

Paula
Tolley.

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. Gentile of Sudbury, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Annual and Quarterly Reports.

The annual report of the Massachusetts Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (under Section 45C of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting the sixth annual

Innovation
Voucher
Program Fund.

report of the Innovation Voucher Program Fund for March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024; and

A quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024; Severally were placed on file.

Sexual Assault
Evidence
Collection Kit.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cruz of Salem and Senator Lovely, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4931) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert one annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said city. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Salem,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Worrell of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4932) of Christopher J. Worrell (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Elsie Barbosa a police officer notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,—
Elsie
Barbosa.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Cabral of New Bedford and Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and Christopher Hendricks that a pedestrian overpass spanning state Route 18 in the city of New Bedford be designated as the Andre Lopes Korean War veteran overpass.

New Bedford,—
pedestrian
overpass.

By Representative O'Day of West Boylston and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy relative to further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council.

Worcester
regional
retirement
board council.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Canton to grant temporary and permanent easements of certain land of the town situated in the town of Stoughton for highway purposes (House, No. 3937, amended), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments, striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place there of the text contained in Senate document numbered 2897; striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act authorizing the town of Canton to grant temporary and permanent easements over certain conservation land situated in the town of Stoughton for highway purposes."; and inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

Canton,—
land.

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the town of Canton to grant certain easements to the commonwealth for highway purposes, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The House Bill relative to the direct wine shipper license (House, No. 4698), 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 2886. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Direct wine
shipper
license.

The House Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Lowell (House, No. 4700), 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 2896. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Lowell,—
land.

Bills

Authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to convey certain parcels of land to the city of Westfield (Senate, No. 2893) (on Senate bill No. 2393) [Local Approval Received]; and

Westfield,—
land.

Authorizing the city of New Bedford to grant a utility easement to the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (Senate, No. 2894) (on Senate bill No. 2412) [Local Approval Received];

UMass
Dartmouth,—
easement.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition of Jacob R. Oliveira, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Patricia A. Duffy and Daniel R. Carey for legislation to establish the Historic Connecticut River Water Trail marking trust fund, came from the Senate referred, under of suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Historic
Connecticut
River Water
Trail.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2910) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

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 North Sherborn water and sewer district (House, No. 4627) [Local Approval Received];

Sherborn,—
water district.

Relative to the charter and the town clerk in town of Grafton (House, No. 4684) [Local Approval Received];

Grafton,—
town clerk.

Amending the town charter in the town of Grafton relative to transitional provisions of the charter (House, No. 4685) [Local Approval Received];

Grafton,—
charter.

Authorizing the town of Newbury to adopt a bylaw restricting the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (House, No. 4741) [Local Approval Received];

Newbury,—
rodenticides.

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];

Natick,—
liquor
licenses.

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

A report of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4796) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Sherborn be authorized to convert one license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, was considered forthwith, under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Howard of Lowell.

Sherborn,—
liquor
license.

Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy.

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 2237, a Bill relative to medical health and fitness facilities (House, No. 4930). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Medical health
and fitness
facilities.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on Senate, No. 109 and House, No. 201, a Bill relative to supported decision making (House, No. 4924). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Supported
decision
making.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to clarifying the self-storage law for consumers (House, No. 4504).

Self-storage.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 208 and House, No. 346, a Bill relative to motor vehicle debt waivers (House, No. 4925).

Motor vehicle
debt waivers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 382, a Bill related to truth in environmental marketing claims (House, No. 4926).

Goods,—
packaging.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to amending certain use restrictions for the Foxborough State Hospital (House, No. 4888).

Foxborough
State Hospital.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4826, a Bill relative to retirement benefits (House, No. 4927).

Mary McCabe,—
retirement.

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 petition, a Bill regarding the continued employment of a certain employee of the town of Oxford (House, No. 4797) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Oxford,—
Craig Gagner.

Reports of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to further increasing the fines for cruelty to animals, and establishing a fund dedicated to improvements for local animal shelters (House, No. 2022);

Animal
shelters.

Relative to dangerous dogs (House, No. 2117); and

Dangerous dogs.

Establishing Indigenous Peoples day (House, No. 2989);

Indigenous
Peoples day.

Severally placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill further regulating the Lynnfield Center Water District (see House, No. 3808) (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.

House bills

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

Authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue employment of Glen Everett beyond the age of 65 (House, No. 4769); and

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.

Third reading bills.

Recess.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., 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-three minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill to improve quality and oversight of long-term care (House, No. 4193), 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 2900.

Long-term care.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Mr. Stanley of Waltham, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Stanley, Peisch of Wellesley and Kane of Shrewsbury were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Rodrigues, Jehlen and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

Recess.

At twenty-two minutes before twelve o'clock noon, 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 half past three o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the city of Boston (House, No. 4696) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), 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 2903.

Boston,—
liquor
licenses.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on motion of Mr. Michael J. Moran of Boston, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Representatives Michael J. Moran, Ryan of Boston and Ferguson of Holden were appointed to the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of
conference.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Orange to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4882) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Orange,—
land.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4849) (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 (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to pass the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill dedicating a bench in honor of Rita Walsh in the Hyde Park section of the city of Boston (see House, No. 3965) (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.

Id.

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 twenty-five minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.