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Thursday, August 3, 2023.

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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, naval officers from over 50 countries in a United States Navy program class of 2024 at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. They were the guests of Mr. Straus of Mattapoissett.

Naval War
College.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) celebrating the one hundred and fortieth Bolton Fair and honoring the commitment of the Fair's organizers, sponsors, exhibitors and volunteers;

Bolton
Fair.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Decker of Cambridge) congratulating and celebrating Augustina DeFalco Coppola on the grand occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Augustina
Coppola.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Pignatelli of Lenox) commending the Sheffield Historical Society, Inc. on recognizing the two hundred forty-second anniversary of the Brom and Bett v. Ashley decision;

Sheffield
Historical
Society.

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

Communications.

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From the Registry of Motor Vehicles (see Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws and Section 2D of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) relating to establishing fees for temporary vehicle registration for out-of-state residents; and

Temporary
vehicle
registrations.

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report containing its 2023 report on e-focus fraud [copies

Insurance
Fraud
Bureau.

of said report had been forwarded to the committees on Financial Services and Labor and Workforce Development, by the bureau];

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4035) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Greenfield be authorized to grant an additional 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.

Greenfield,—
liquor
license.

By Representative Barrows of Mansfield and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4039) of F. Jay Barrows and Paul R. Feeney (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Norton;

Norton,—
investments.

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4036) of David F. DeCoste and John F. Keenan (by vote of the town) relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of Rockland;

Rockland,—
select board.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4037) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor (by vote of the town) relative to the transfer of certain parcels of land in the town of Cohasset for general municipal purposes and for telecommunications leases and easements;

Cohasset,—
land.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4042) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) relative to the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley; and

Wellesley,—
community
housing.

By Representative Saunders of Belchertown and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4038) of Aaron L. Saunders and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the planning board in the town of Shutesbury;

Shutesbury,—
planning
board.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham and Senator Rausch, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4041) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to continue the employment of police chief William McGrath, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. To the committee on Public Service.

Wrentham,—
William
McGrath.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James Arciero and Peter Barbella relative to local taxes based on personal or business income instead of local real property taxes.

Local taxes.

By Representative DeCoste of Norwell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David F. DeCoste, Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to designate a certain bridge spanning the North River in the towns of Marshfield and Norwell as the Lt. David S. Cutler memorial bridge.

Cutler
memorial
bridge.

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mathew J. Muratore and others for legislation to authorize insurance coverage for prosthetic devices and orthotic devices.

Insurance coverage,— prosthetics.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish a designation of a state protection and advocacy system, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Protection and advocacy system.

The House then concurred with the Senate in suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill (Senate, No. 2434) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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 petition of William J. Driscoll, Jr., and Walter F. Timilty (with the approval of the town council) relative to the preparation of bilingual ballots in English and Haitian Creole for state elections in the city known as the town of Randolph. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Randolph,— multilingual ballots.

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 179) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others relative to large family child care homes,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Education. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Large family child care homes.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the town of Wendell and the town of New Salem to continue the employment of Joseph J. Cuneo (House, No. 3813) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Wendell and New Salem,— Joseph Cuneo.

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

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on Senate, No. 33 and House, No. 64, a Bill establishing a commission on automated decision-making by government in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4024). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Government,— automated decisions.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Paul Verdini (House, No. 4031). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Paul Verdini,— sick leave.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill amending the town of Avon's by-laws (House, No. 3746, changed), 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.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Thomas C. Wojtkowski, a member of the House from Pittsfield from 1955 to 1972, inclusive, and Assistant to the Counsel to the House of Representatives from 1987 to 1996, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Webster (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.