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Monday, August 5, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1 of the State House Extension, 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.

## *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) congratulating William Cramer on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Willam  
Cramer.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Matteo Mitchell on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America;

Matteo  
Mitchell.

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

## *Orders.*

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4955).

Extensions  
of time for  
committees  
to make  
reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Chan of Quincy) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4961).

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4959).

Order (filed by Mr. Day of Stoneham) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on the Judiciary is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4957).

Order (filed by Mr. Diggs of Barnstable) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce

Development is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4960).

Order (filed by Mr. Gordon of Bedford) relative to extending until Tuesday, October 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Public Service is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4958).

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4956).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported, that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Markey of Dartmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4986) of Christopher M. Markey (by vote of the town) that town of Dartmouth be authorized to grant an 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.

Dartmouth,—  
liquor  
license.

By Representative Peisch of Wellesley and Senator Barrett, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4987) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Michael J. Barrett (by vote of the town) relative to increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston; and

Weston,—  
retired  
police.

By Representative Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4988) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to Misael Rodriguez, a retired officer of the police department of the city of Springfield, by Springfield retirement board.

Misael  
Rodriguez,—  
retirement.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2924) of Barry R. Finegold (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to exempt the position of Deputy Police Chief in the city of Amesbury from the civil service law, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Amesbury,—  
deputy police  
chief.

#### *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:

Regarding the continued employment of a certain employee of the town of Oxford (House, No. 4797) [Local Approval Received];

Oxford,—  
Craig Gagner.

Increasing the age limit for the appointment of special police officers in the city of Springfield (House, No. 4822) [Local Approval Received]; and

Springfield,—  
special police.

Relative to means tested senior citizen property tax exemptions in the town of Westford (House, No. 4920) [Local Approval Received];

Westford,—  
property taxes.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, 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 petition, a Bill relative to the Historic Connecticut River Water Trail (House, No. 4824).

Connecticut River Water Trail.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, Nos. 920 and 1016, and House, No. 1594, a Bill encouraging the donation of food to persons in need (House, No. 4982).

Food donation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 955 and House, No. 1408, a Bill providing for equity within the judicial branch (House, No. 4983).

Judicial branch equity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3762, a Bill concerning the regulation of kratom (House, No. 4985).

Kratom regulation.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill exempting disabled veterans from sales tax when leasing a motor vehicle (House, No. 2799).

Disabled veterans,— sales tax.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing disabled veterans with purple heart plates to qualify for a sales tax exemption (House, No. 4106).

Id.

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

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1716, a Bill relative to the uniform voidable transactions act (House, No. 4984).

Voidable transactions.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sharon to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 4857) [Local Approval Received].

Sharon,— hearing notices.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Westminister (House, No. 4875) [Local Approval Received].

Westminister,— clerk.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the term of the moderator in the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4881) [Local Approval Received].

Wrentham,— moderator.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the appointment of an associate member of the town of Bernardston board of health (House, No. 4886) [Local Approval Received].

Bernardston,— health board.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the Dudley town administrator to sign warrants (House, No. 4887) [Local Approval Received].

Dudley,— town administrator.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4945, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Martinelli (House, No. 4980).

Kimberly Martinelli.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Martha's Vineyard housing bank (House, No. 3804).

Martha's Vineyard.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing cities and towns to provide a residential exemption to senior citizens (House, No. 4128).

Seniors,— exemptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Hopkinton to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax

Hopkinton,— property tax exemption.

exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4848) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2911 and 2971, a Bill relative to interest fees (House, No. 4981).

Interest fees.

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

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment (see Senate, No. 2902, amended) (which originated in the Senate), 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

Relative to town elections in the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 4203);

Relative to bidding requirements for certain affordable projects in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4679); 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);

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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

Representative Flanagan of Dennis then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Peter L. McDowell, a member of the House from Dennis from 1975 to 1979, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1, in an Informal Session.