
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024.

[80]

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, August 22, 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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Edward F. Byrne, Jr., of South Boston who passed away on August 1, 2024, peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

Edward F.
Byrne, Jr.

Edward was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, a retired Assistant Superintendent, Boston Fire Department, FAO and a longtime member of Michael J. Perkins American Legion Post #67.

Son of the late Edward and Catherine Byrne, beloved husband of Casey, devoted father of Patrick, Conor, Garrett, and Alexis, loving grandfather of Conor, Keegan, Colin, Ryan, Cameron, Noah and Owen, and cherished brother of Kathleen, Donna, Linda, Kevin, John and the late James, Mr. Byrne is survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Communications.

Communications

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 2Y YYY of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting a detailed accounting of all monies transferred, credited, or deposited into the Substance Use Disorder Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund (SUD Trust Fund);

Substance
Use Disorder
Trust Fund.

From Commissioner of the Division of Occupational Licensure (see Section 1 of Chapter 82A of the General Laws) submitting the Office of Public Safety and Inspections (OPSI) annual report on fines imposed, collected and expended regarding evacuation and trench safety for fiscal year 2024;

Evacuation
and trench
safety.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-1213 contained in Section 2A of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Temporary Respite Center monthly report for August 8, 2024; and

Temporary
Respite
Centers.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 15 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on direct vision performance of certain Commonwealth leased or purchased vehicles;

Vehicles,—
direct vision
performance.

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

A report of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through July, 2024; and containing projections for estimated contributions, benefit payments, and Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balances for the five-year outlook period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2028; and

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

A monthly report of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections;

Permanent
rental
protections.

Severally were placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Order relative to extending until Wednesday, July 31, 2024, the time within which the committee on Public Service be granted to make its final report a current House document, came from the Senate with the endorsement that the order (House, No. 4811) had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment, in line 2 striking out the date: "Friday, July 31" and inserting in place thereof the date: "Tuesday, August 27".

Public
Service,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A Bill exempting the position of police chief in the city known as the town of Barnstable from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2746) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Barnstable,—
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:

Authorizing employment contracts with persons serving as Deputy Police Chief in the town of Milford (House, No. 4779) [Local Approval Received];

Milford,—
contracts.

[sic] Extension for mandatory retirement (House, No. 4781) [Local Approval Received];

George
Collette.

Increasing the membership of the select board for the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4818) [Local Approval Received]; and

Lancaster,—
select board.

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to correct a statutory reference (House, No. 4847) [Local Approval Received];

Hopkinton,—
charter.

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

By Ms. Garlick of Needham, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 4637, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an

Hancock
schools,—
study.

investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Hancock schools (House, No. 4996).

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4533, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to mayoral terms in Chicopee (House, No. 4921) [Senator Oliveira dissenting].

Chicopee
mayoral terms,—
study.

By Mr. Ryan, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, No. 4552, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to voting rights in Wendell (House, No. 4922).

Wendell,—
study voting
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 423, 428, 436 and 437 and House, Nos. 656, 657, 664, 674, 675, 676, 677, 681, 684, 694, 696, 697, 702, 707, 709, 710, 714, 718, 719, 721, 724, 726, 729, 730, 3721, 3974, 4112 and 4223, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to voting rights, ranked choice voting, voter participation and other related matters (House, No. 4923).

Voting rights,
ranked choice
voting, voter
participation,
etc.,—
study.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on House, Nos. 2040, 2059, 2078, 2082 and 2102, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to animal welfare, zoning and other related matters (House, No. 4929) [Senator Edwards dissenting].

Animal
welfare,
zoning, etc.,—
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3051, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to Atlantic standard time (House, No. 4994).

Atlantic
standard time,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3098, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to manufacturers (House, No. 4995).

Manufacturers,—
study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 870, 3311, 3314, 3373 and 3395, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to financing, revenue and other related matters (House, No. 4928).

Financing,
revenue, etc.,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 4510, a Bill authorizing raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the city of Methuen to 70 years old (House, No. 4895) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Methuen,—
special
police

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing recall methods for elected officials in the town of Lakeville (see House, No. 4125) (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.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill reorganizing the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (House, No. 3775), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Lexington,—
housing
board.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kimberly Martinelli (House, No. 4980), 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1 of the State House Extension.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1, in an Informal Session.