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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. 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.

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 Robert Emken on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Robert
Emken.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Patrol Officer James O. Lawrence on the occasion of his retirement;

James
Lawrence.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Meschino of Hull, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino for legislation to remove the town of Hull from the Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women.

Hull,—
commission.

By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to certain school transportation vehicles.

School
transportation.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill to rename the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, MassAbility, to reflect the self-determination and limitless possibilities of people with disabilities (House, No. 4528), 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 2941. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Rehabilitation
Commission,—
renaming.

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:

Relating to guardians of surviving children of emergency first responders (House, No. 2710);

Repealing the property tax exemption for Massport lessees (House, No. 2816);

Providing volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians with a local option real estate tax exemption (House, No. 2832);

Authorizing the establishment of a mean tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 2872);

Authorizing the town of Hopkinton to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for school building construction projects (House, No. 4848) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Westminster (House, No. 4875) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to interest fees (House, No. 4981); and

Relative to the uniform voidable transactions act (House, No. 4984);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton, 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 House, No. 775, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment and Natural Resources to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the environment and natural resources (House, No. 4852).

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 2469 and 2495, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to health care financing (House, No. 4853).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2604, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to coverage for health screenings for firefighters (House, No. 5017) [Senator Keenan dissenting].

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, No. 3605, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to legal use of psilocybin (House, No. 5018).

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, Nos. 1404, 1533, 1537, 1538, 1548, 1599, 1648, 1657, 1710, 1754, 1791, 3589, 3921 and 4731, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on the Judiciary to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to educator misconduct, victim compensation, plant medicine and other related matters (House, No. 5032).

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 4296, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Health to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to public health (House, No. 4855).

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

Survivors,—
property taxes.

Massport.

Responders,—
tax exemptions.

Seniors,—
property taxes.

Hopkinton,—
property tax
exemption.

Westminster,—
clerk.

Interest fees.

Voidable
transactions.

Environment
and natural
resources,—
study.

Health care
financing,—
study.

Health
screenings for
firefighters,—
study.

Legal use of
psilocybin,—
study.

Educator
misconduct,
etc.,—
study.

Public
health,—
study.

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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Dedicating the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. boat ramp (see House, No. 4163, amended); and

Bills enacted.

Further regulating town elections in the town of Hopkinton (see House, No. 4203);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill increasing the age limit for the appointment of special police officers in the city of Springfield (House, No. 4822), 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in Room A-1 of the State House Extension.

Next sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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.