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Thursday, September 12, 2024.

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.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 5049), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, September 11.

Supplemental  
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## *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) recognizing John Paul "JP" Benoit for his thirty-eight years of service to the town of Stow; and

John Paul  
Benoit.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Fire Captain Daniel W. Donovan on the occasion of his retirement;

Daniel  
Donovan.

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

## *Communications.*

### Communications

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 its Temporary Respite Center monthly report for September 5, 2024;

Temporary  
Respite  
Center.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 1599-0026 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant legislative report for fiscal year 2024;

Public safety  
staffing  
grants.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-0111 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Charles E.

Shannon  
grants.

Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (Shannon Grants) legislative report for fiscal year 2024; and

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the September 5, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; Severally were placed on file.

Emergency housing assistance.

*Petition.*

Representative LaNatra of Kingston presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mary Katherine Sheehan,—sick leave.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4799), 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 2891. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Said committee then reported that the amendment was correctly drawn.

Supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston then moved that the House concur with the Senate in its amendment with a further amendment by striking out all after the enacting clause (inserted by amendment by the Senate) and inserting in place thereof the text contained in House document numbered 5050; and the further amendment was adopted.

The House then concurred with the Senate in its amendment, as amended. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the further amendment.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2944) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket. To the committee on Agriculture.

Nantucket,—fertilizer.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2942) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) to authorize the county of Nantucket to convey School Street situated in the town and county of Nantucket for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket;

Nantucket,—land.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2945) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the establishment of the Nantucket sewer commission and sewer districts in the town of Nantucket;

Nantucket,—sewers.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2946) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Nantucket conservation commission to convey a certain parcel of land situated in the town for purposes of conveyance to the town of Nantucket under the care, custody, management and control of the select board and the town of Nantucket to convey certain land in the town of Nantucket held for open space, passive recreation or conservation purposes to the Nantucket islands land bank for the purposes pursuant

Nantucket,—land.

to its legislation and/or to the Sconset Trust, Inc. for open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes;

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2947) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter for the town of Nantucket; and

Nantucket,—  
charter.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2948) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by vote of the town) for legislation to make the charter of the county on Nantucket gender neutral;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2949) of Julian Cyr and Dylan A. Fernandes (by the vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Nantucket to impose a real estate transfer fee for affordable and workforce housing and related capital improvements. To the committee on Revenue.

Nantucket,—  
transfer fee.

### *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 following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec, an employee of the Department of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Eric Iwaniec,—  
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino for legislation to remove the town of Hull from the Eastern Regional Commission on the Status of Women. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Hull,—  
commission.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 17th as Pastene day. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Pastene  
day.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 recall of elected officers of the town of Sharon (House, No. 4856) [Local Approval Received];

Sharon,—  
recall elections.

Authorizing the town of Lee to continue the employment of assistant chief Glenn M. Wilcox (House, No. 4858) [Local Approval Received];

Lee,—  
Glenn Wilcox.

Authorizing Christina Rodriguez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4859) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Christina  
Rodriguez.

Authorizing Gustavo Romero to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4860) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Gustavo  
Romero.

Authorizing Brian Dacey to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4950) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Brian Dacey.

Authorizing Dante Perella to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4951) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Dante Perella.

Authorizing Jason Restituyo to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4952) [Local Approval Received]; and

Haverhill,—  
Jason  
Restituyo.

Authorizing Michael E. Jarvis, Jr. to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4953) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Michael  
Jarvis.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 248, 1178, 3496 and 4362, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to senior psychologist licensure, soldiers' home eligibility and other health care financing issues (House, No. 5015).

Senior  
psychologist  
licensure, etc.,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2319, 2327, 2349, 2350, 2371, 2372, 2404, 4654 and 4656, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to medical parole, health care for incarcerated persons, and opioid issues (House, No. 5016).

Medical parole,  
incarcerated  
persons and  
opioids,—  
study.

By Mr. Diggs of Barnstable, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, No. 1892, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to public employees (House, No. 5043).

Public  
employees,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1878, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to warehouse workers (House, No. 5044).

Warehouse  
employees,—  
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, Nos. 1164 and 1195 and House, Nos. 1870 and 1873, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Labor and Workforce Development to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to wages, work environments and sick time (House, No. 5046).

Wages, work  
environments  
and sick time,—  
study.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos. 1760, 1762, 1771, 1773, 1786, 1789, 1795, 1799, 1800, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1864, 1904, 1914 and 1961 and House, Nos. 2701, 2702, 2712, 2729, 2730, 2733, 2747, 2749, 2788, 2793, 2800, 2801, 2812, 2817, 2835, 2838, 2840, 2858, 2870, 2874, 2876, 2879, 2882, 2891, 2893, 2894, 2915, 2916, 2923, 2943, 2948, 2950, 2969, 3661, 3665, 3733, 3734, 3736, 3845, 4000, 4063, 4151, 4271, 4524, 4575, 4827 and 4830, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Revenue to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to veterans and real estate transfer fees (House, No. 5045) [Senator Fattman and Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville dissenting].

Veterans and  
real estate  
transfer fees,—  
study.

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

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 were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5000).

Bonds,—  
terms.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5008).

Id.

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

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Bellingham (House, No. 4998) [Local Approval Received].

Bellingham,—  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5003) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—  
town charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the enforcement of the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5004) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the department of public works in the town of Southborough (House, No. 5010) [Local Approval Received].

Southborough,—  
public works.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill establishing a means tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 5006) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—  
property taxes.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill allowing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 5007) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

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

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill to increase kennel safety, aka Ollie's Law (House, No. 4919), having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Dog  
kennels,—  
safety.

The House Bill increasing the membership of the select board for the town of Lancaster (House, No. 4818), 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.

#### *Recess.*

At ten minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at three minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2024 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4799, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Supplemental appropriations.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

#### Engrossed bills

Establishing appointed positions of district clerk and district treasurer for the Raynham Center Water District (see Senate, No. 2857) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills enacted.

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Foxborough to select board (see House, No. 3724);

Validating the actions of the town of Worthington relative to the provision of health insurance for eligible town employees (see House, No. 4231, amended);

Changing the name of the board of selectmen in the town of Dunstable to select board (see House, No. 4244);

Designating a portion of United States highway Route 7 in the town of Sheffield as the Brigadier-General John G. Barnard highway (see House, No. 4617, amended); and

To increase kennel safety, aka Ollie's Law (see House, No. 4919, amended);  
(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.

### *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.

Next sitting.

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At twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.