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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Barber of Somerville 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 (Ms. Barber), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Communication.

A communication from the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (see Section 47(d) of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2024 law enforcement trust funds for drug rehabilitation, drug education and neighborhood crime watch programs was placed on file.

Berkshire,—
forfeiture
expenditures.

Annual and Monthly Reports.

An annual report of the Berkshire District Attorney's Office (under Section 24W(e) of Chapter 90 of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2024 Operating Under the Influence Deterrent Trust Fund (Melanie's Law); and

Berkshire,—
OUI Deterrent
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.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill amending the charter of the city known as the town of Southbridge (Senate, No. 2943) (on Senate bill No. 2523) [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.

Southbridge,—
charter.

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 raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the city of Methuen to 70 years old (House, No. 4895) [Local Approval Received]; and

Methuen,—
special police

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Elsie Barbosa (House, No. 4932) [Local Approval Received];

Boston,—
Elsie
Barbosa.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, on Senate, Nos. 627 and 666 and House, Nos. 961, 1090, 1099 and 1158, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Financial Services to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning transportation network companies (House, No. 5047).

Transportation network companies,—study.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2427, 2431, 2461, 2476, 2486, 2487, 2490, 2505, 2506, 2516, 2527, 2558, 2567, 2581, 2583, 2592, 2605, 2610, 2616, 2634, 2643, 2661, 2671, 2672, 3648, 3837, 4014, 4177 and 4662, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning cost of living, retirement benefits and other related matters (House, No. 5048) [Senator Fattman dissenting].

Cost of living, retirement benefits, etc.,—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. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill establishing the recall of elected officials in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 5002) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—recall elections.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill facilitating wetland restoration (House, No. 5036).

Wetland restoration.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill allowing the town of Williamstown to expand age eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 5005, changed in line 2 by striking out the following: “44(c)” and inserting in place thereof the following: “Forty-first C”) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—property taxes.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of Glen Everett beyond the age of 65 (see House, No. 4769) (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.

House bills

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

Third reading bills.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Amending the charter of the town of Hopkinton to correct a statutory reference (House, No. 4847); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Michael David, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5037) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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.

Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Ms. Barber of Somerville being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.