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Thursday, September 19, 2024.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., 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 Representatives Giannino of Revere and Biele of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Janice "Jan" Elizabeth Gazza who passed away peacefully on August 8, 2024, surrounded by family and friends.

Janice "Jan"
Elizabeth
Gazza.

Born on February 6, 1950, Janice had a long and rewarding career in Juvenile Probation with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, before her retirement. She was a hardworking, dedicated professional who cared deeply about the people she served.

Beloved wife of the late Joseph Gazza, retired Revere firefighter, and loving sister of Marguerite, Norman, and the late Francis, Janice is survived by her children, Jennifer and Michael Gazza, and many dear cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Appointments to a Special Commission.

The Speaker announced that (under Section 201 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Cataldo of Concord, Mr. Robert Leikind of the American Jewish Committee and Ms. Peggy Shukur of the Anti-Defamation League to the Antisemitism Commission.

Antisemitism
Commission.

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 Ascension Parish of Maynard and Sudbury on its one hundred and fortieth anniversary;

Ascension
Parish.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Cataldo of Concord and Gentile of Sudbury) commemorating the Provincial Congress on its two hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Provincial
Congress.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Diggs of Barnstable) congratulating the Housing Assistance Corporation on the fiftieth anniversary of its founding; and

Housing
corporation.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Driscoll of Milton) congratulating Gail J. McGovern on her retirement;

Gail
McGovern.

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

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for August 2024, was placed on file.

Unemployment
Insurance
Trust Fund.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5054) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to appoint Alex Guzman a police officer in said city notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Boston,—
Alex
Guzman.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5055) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to provide certain death benefits for Pamela Thompson, the widow of Anthony Thompson, a former firefighter of the city of Boston.

Boston,—
Pamela
Thompson.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to federal motor vehicle safety standards compliance.

Vehicle
safety.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers for legislation to authorize the purchase, construction, and operation of a hospital in the town of Norwood by the University of Massachusetts Building Authority.

Norwood,—
hospital.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches, with reference to the House amendments (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of House document numbered 4446 and by striking out the emergency preamble and inserting in place thereof the following emergency preamble:

Infrastructure
investment.

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purposes, which are to enhance the competitiveness of the commonwealth in winning federal funds and to provide for the infrastructure needs of the commonwealth, each of which is immediately necessary to accomplish important public purposes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”) of the Senate Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (Senate, No. 2554), recommending passage of a bill with the same title (Senate, No. 2954), came from the Senate with

the endorsement that it had been accepted by said branch; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the report was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills

Authorizing the town of Milton to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2518) (on Senate, No. 219) [Local Approval Received]; and

Exempting the position of deputy police chief in the city of Amesbury from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2924) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Milton,—
liquor license.

Amesbury,—
deputy police
chief.

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:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Kate Donaghue (by vote of the town) that town of Southborough be authorized to issue bonds or notes for the purpose of funding its portion of the unfunded pension liability of the Worcester regional retirement system. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Hannah Kane and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Cheryl Collaro-Surette, an employee of the Department of Transportation. To the committee on Public Service.

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

Southborough,—
bonds.

Cheryl Collaro-
Surette,—
sick leave.

Report of the committee on Transportation, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4287) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to employ automated enforcement of speed limit violations in designated school zones within said city.

Under suspension of the rules, on a motion of Mr. Cruz of Salem, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett.

Salem,—
speed limit
enforcement.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5000); and

Providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 5008).

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

Bonds,—
terms.

Id.

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Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported recommending that the matters be scheduled for consideration of the House.

Under suspension of said rule, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on further motion of the same member, the bills (having been 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.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill exempting the position of police chief in the city known as the town of Barnstable from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2746) [Local Approval Received]; and

Barnstable,—
police chief.

House bills

Relative to the department of public works in the town of Southborough (House, No. 5010) [Local Approval Received]; and

Southborough,—
public works.

Authorizing the appointment of retired police officers in the town of Sterling to serve as special police officers (House, No. 5025) [Local Approval Received];

Sterling,—
special police.

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

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill to provide for competitiveness and infrastructure investment in Massachusetts (see Senate, No. 2954), 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.

Infrastructure
investment.

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 7 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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 5000), 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.

Housing,—
bonding.

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.

The engrossed Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (see House bill printed in House, No. 5008), 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.

Information
technology,—
bonding.

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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.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Natick to establish minimum seating capacity for granting licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 4187); and

Bills
enacted.

Further regulating the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of clubs or veterans' organizations in the town of Natick (see House, No. 4865);

(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 relative to the minimum years of service required to be eligible for a civil service promotion to the position of fire lieutenant in the town of Milford (House, No. 4782), 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.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Milford to continue limited employment of certain police officers on superannuation retirement (House, No. 4896), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Milford,—
police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:

“SECTION 2. A special police officer appointed pursuant to this act shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts peace officer standards and training commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4896, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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At fourteen minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.