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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.

Resignation of Representative Peake of Provincetown.

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

September 19, 2024.

Steven James
House Clerk
24 Beacon Street
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I am writing to inform you that I am resigning my position as State Representative for the 4th Barnstable District effective 11:59PM on Sunday September 22, 2024. I have accepted a position in the Healey/Driscoll administration beginning on Monday September 23, 2024.

Resignation of
Representative
Sarah K.
Peake of
Provincetown.

It has been the honor of my life to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for these past 18 years. Collectively, and under the leadership of the three Speakers that I have served under, we have worked every day to improve the lives of every citizen of the Commonwealth. To have been a part of this has been both exhilarating and humbling. Of course, working with you and your staff has been wonderful!

Thank you for your friendship and guidance.

Sincerely,
SARAH K. PEAKE.

Petition.

Representative Vieira of Falmouth presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David T. Vieira (with the approval of the county commissioners) that Wayne Taylor be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County

Wayne
Taylor,—
creditable
service.

Retirement Board; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2952) of Michael F. Rush and Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to direct the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer Cherell Mellace; and

Boston,—
Cherell
Mellace.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2953) of Liz Miranda (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to direct the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officer for Maugein Verdieu.

Boston,—
Maugein
Verdieu.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

A petition of Patrick M. O'Connor and Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation relative to establish [sic] a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mary Katherine
Sheehan,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2957) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

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 petition of Kathleen R. LaNatra for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mary Katherine
Sheehan,—
sick leave.

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:

Establishing a means tested senior property tax exemption in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 5006) [Local Approval Received]; and

Williamstown,—
property taxes.

Facilitating wetland restoration (House, No. 5036);

Wetlands,—
restoration.

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.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Max Handerson (House, No. 5009) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
Max
Handerson.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the executive form of government for the town of Lenox (House, No. 5028) [Local Approval Received].

Lenox,—
town
manager.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 5038).

Worcester
Regional
Retirement
System.

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

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

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

Bills
enacted.

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

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Truro to establish a program to reduce property tax liability in exchange for volunteer services for persons with disabilities (see House, No. 3735); and

Id.

Eliminating the residency requirement for the position of administrative assistant to the board of assessors of the city of New Bedford (see House, No. 4201);

(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.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Warwick to continue the employment of David A. Shoemaker as police chief until a maximum age of 70 (House, No. 4908); and

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the town of Rowley to continue employment of call firefighter Donald Dupray (House, No. 5024);

Severally 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.

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