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Thursday, September 26, 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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk) honoring Douglas Kelley upon his retirement, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Douglas
Kelley.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office (see Section 47 of Chapter 94C of the General Laws) submitting a report on its fiscal year 2024 expenditures for drug rehabilitation, drug education and other anti-drug or neighborhood crime watch programs;

Cape and
Islands,—
drug
programs.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents report for September, 2024;

Working
training.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its first quarterly MassHealth Pharmacy Pipeline Report for fiscal year 2025;

MassHealth
Pharmacy
Pipeline.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the September 19, 2024 biweekly report on the Emergency Housing Assistance Program; and

Emergency
housing
assistance.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for August 2024;

Resettlement
Agency.

Severally were placed on file.

Quarterly Report.

A quarterly report of the Office of the State Auditor (under item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its fourth quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, was placed on file.

Bureau of
Special
Investigations.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Giannino of Revere and Senator Crighton, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5059) of Jessica Ann Giannino (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Saugus. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Saugus,—
charter.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5060) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable for Richard Lopez, a retired firefighter of the fire department of said city; and

Boston,—
Richard
Lopez.

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5061) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that Dave Michienzi be authorized to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Haverhill,—
Dave
Michienzi.

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 relative to requiring the use of helmets for electronically propelled wheeled vehicle operators and passengers.

Electronically
propelled
vehicles.

By Representative Murray of Milford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian W. Murray and others relative to disqualification from operating commercial motor vehicles.

Commercial
drivers
licenses.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Andover to convert a certain parcel of land for general municipal purposes (Senate, No. 2955) (on Senate bill No. 2581) [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.

Andover,—
land.

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 David T. Vieira (with the approval of the board of regional county commissioners) that Wayne Taylor be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Wayne
Taylor,—
retirement.

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:

Relative to the enforcement of the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5004) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to the executive form of government for the town of Lenox (House, No. 5028) [Local Approval Received];

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

Williamstown,—
charter.

Lenox,—
town
manager.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec (House, No. 5053).

Eric Iwaniec,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Collaro-Surette, an employee of the Department of Transportation (House, No. 5057).

Cheryl Collaro-
Surette,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Ashland as the Harold Wadhams Gates memorial bridge (see House, No. 3883) (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

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Westminster (House, No. 4875);

Amending the term of the moderator in the town of Wrentham (House, No. 4881); and

Authorizing the city of Revere to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4991);

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.

Third
reading
bills.

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.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.