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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024.**

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Thursday, October 3, 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.

## *Appointments of the Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representatives Hunt of Boston (Co-Chair) and Reyes of Lawrence had been appointed (under Section 214 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) to the Special Commission on Correctional Consolidation and Collaboration; and

Correctional  
consolidation  
commission.

That Representative Armini of Marblehead had been appointed as the Legislative Commissioner to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (established by Public Law 539, 77th Congress: Chapter 283, 2nd Session, 56 Stat. 267; as amended by Public Law 721, 81st Congress, approved August 19, 1950) to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Peake of Provincetown.

Atlantic States  
Marine  
Fisheries  
Commission.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Wellesley High School girl's tennis team, winners of the Division 1 State Championship earlier this year, accompanied by their Head Coach, Rob Miller. They were the guests of Representative Peisch of Wellesley.

Wellesley,—  
tennis team.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, the Kearney Family and students from the JFK Elementary School from the town of Franklin. They were the guests of Representative Roy of Franklin.

Franklin,—  
Kearney  
Family.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Jones of North Reading) commending the AADC Family Network in acknowledging October 23, 2024 as AADC Deficiency Awareness Day in Massachusetts, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

AADC  
Deficiency  
Awareness.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Roy of Franklin, 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 of motor vehicle forfeiture funds;

Cape and Islands,—forfeitures.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Service (see Section 2J of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting the Public Health Grant Trust Fund Report for calendar year 2023; and

Public Health Grant Trust Fund.

From the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (see Section 5 of Chapter 121D of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Housing Finance.

Severally were placed on file.

*Annual and Quarterly Reports.*

The annual report of the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 35000 of Chapter 309 of the Acts of 2020) on the activity, revenue and expenditures to and from the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund in fiscal year 2024; and

Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund.

A quarterly report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (under Section 32 of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2014) submitting its Report on Agency Paper Reduction Efforts;

DTA,—Paper reduction.

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Representative Blais of Deerfield and Senator Mark presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5066) of Natalie M. Blais and Paul W. Mark (by vote of the town) that the town of Conway be authorized to establish a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Conway,—festival of hills receipts.

Representative Howitt of Seekonk presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to the storage of electric mobility devices powered by lithium-ion batteries; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mobility devices,—lithium-ion batteries.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill further regulating the Year-round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Fund in the town of Provincetown (Senate, No. 2951) (on Senate bill No. 2744) [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.

Provincetown,—trust fund.

*Reports of a Committee.*

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

Senate 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) [Local Approval Received]; and

Milton,—  
liquor  
license.

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

Amesbury,—  
civil service.

House bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Eric J. Iwaniec (House, No. 5053);

Eric Iwaniec.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl Collaro-Surette, an employee of the department of transportation (House, No. 5057); and

Cheryl Collaro-  
Surette.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 5058);

Mary Katherine  
Sheehan.

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.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Natick to continue the employment of police officer John Haswell (see House, No. 4686) (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

Exempting the office of chief of police in the town of Leicester from the civil service law (House, No. 4651);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Relative to extending the period of the service of the current police chief in the town of Leicester (House, No. 4652); and

Authorizing the Dudley town administrator to sign warrants (House, No. 4887);

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.

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The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Scituate (House, No. 4559), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Scituate,—  
charter.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 800 to 807, inclusive, by striking out the text contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following: “Section 804 – Town Meeting Quorum”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4559, 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 thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (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.