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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.

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed (under Section 152 of Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024) Bill LeBeau, State Adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Massachusetts, as his designee to the special commission to study and develop proposals for ways to improve the quality of life of veterans in the Commonwealth.

Veterans
Quality of Life
Commission.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Veterans Services (see Section 41 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its Veterans Homes Council Annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Veterans
Homes
Council.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) relative to establishing new licensure fees for the Board of Registration for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology; and

Speech
language,—
licensure fees.

From the Group Insurance Commission (see Section 21 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting its Vendor Quality Improvement report for fiscal year 2024;

Vendor Quality
Improvement.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

The following order was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) relative to extending until Tuesday, December 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Revenue is authorized to report on a current Senate document.

Revenue,—
extension of
time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5067) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5069) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Gabriel Rosa to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Haverhill,—
Gabriel Rosa.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5070) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Juan Jimenez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Haverhill,—
Juan Jimenez.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Representative Rogers of Norwood presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of John H. Rogers that the Department of Public Health be authorized and directed to maintain the provision of health care services in the towns of Norwood and Foxborough; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Health care
services,—
Norwood and
Foxborough.

Reports of Committees.

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

Boston,—
Max Handerson.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Meschino of Hull, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House bill further defining a quorum of the Worcester Regional Retirement System Board Advisory Council (House, No. 5038), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Worcester
retirement
system,—
advisors.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Groton (see House, No. 4194) (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.

The Senate Bill 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),

Third
reading
bill.

reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Bedford to adopt alternative methods for notice of public hearings (House, No. 2062);

To establish a surcharge on specific commercial development activities for the purpose of funding the creation of community housing (House, No. 2740);

Allowing print-free digital legal notices for the town of Arlington (House, No. 4027) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Allowing print-free digital legal notices for the town of Lexington. (House, No. 4650) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Allowing print-free digital legal notices for the town of Lincoln (House, No. 4664) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Relative to the enforcement of the Williamstown town charter (House, No. 5004);

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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Soter of Bellingham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.