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Thursday, November 2, 2023.

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.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Deerfield on May 2, 2022 (House, No. 4157), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, November 1.

Deerfield,—election.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Election Laws. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representative Lombardo of Billerica) recognizing Julie Greene's induction into the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Billerica's Hall of Fame, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Julie Greene.

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 Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 219 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission for 2022 and 2023;

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 6A of Chapter 124 of the General Laws) submitting the Correctional Building Inventory Report for calendar years 2018-2022;

From the Middlesex County Restoration Center Commission (see Section 225 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting its Year Five Findings and Recommendations report; and

From the Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities submitting a letter to the chairs of the Senate and House committees on

Behavioral health.

Correctional Building Inventory.

Middlesex County, commission.

Housing and Livable Communities,— Ways and Means, the Senate and House chairs of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities, and the Senate and House clerks transmitting emergency regulations, and a Declaration on Emergency Assistance Family Shelter; Severally were placed on file.

Family Shelter Declaration.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Barrett of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4158) of John Barrett, III (by vote of the town) relative to trainings for employees of the town of Lanesborough; and

Lanesborough, employee trainings.

By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett and Senator Montigny, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4159) of William M. Straus and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) relative to providing for an alternate member of the finance committee in the town of Mattapoisett;

Mattapoisett,—finance committee.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Ashe of Longmeadow and Puppolo of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Brian M. Ashe, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and Jacob R. Oliveira relative to entrance fee refund provisions in continuing care agreements and written residency agreements.

Care and residency agreements.

By Representative Ferguson of Holden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kimberly N. Ferguson that the Department of Conservation and Recreation be authorized to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of Rutland.

Rutland,—land.

By Representative Higgins of Leominster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to essential services in hospitals.

Hospital services.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Hannah Kane, Marc R. Pacheco, Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve pediatric cancer research, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Health.

Pediatric cancer.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2496) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

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:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues that the boat ramp at Bicentennial Park in the city of Fall River be designated as the State Representative Manuel Raposa Jr. Boat Ramp. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Fall River,—boat ramp.

Petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, James J. O'Day and Robyn K. Kennedy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anthony Fannoh, Jr., an employee of the Department of Mental Health. To the committee on Public Service.

Anthony Fannoh, sick leave.

Petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Owens and others (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Cambridge be authorized to install automated road safety camera systems as a means of promoting traffic safety in said city. To the committee on Transportation.

Cambridge, traffic safety.

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

Information privacy and security.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 227) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Information Privacy and Security Act,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Authorizing Gregory S. Shopshire to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3642);

Authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3643);

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ariel Rodriguez (House, No. 3844) [Local Approval Received]; and

Relative to acceptance of certain types of identification to purchase alcohol in Massachusetts (House, No. 4131);

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.

Gregory Shopshire.

Matthew Sonnabend.

Boston,— Ariel Rodriguez.

Alcohol,—purchasing.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements to the town of Natick for the reconstruction of North Main Street (Route 27) (House, No. 3081, changed in section 1, in line 8, by striking out the following: "3 of 5"; in section 3, in line 31, by striking out the following: "4 of 5"; and in section 5, in line 53, by striking out the following: "5 of 5"). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Natick,—land.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Barone-Cichocki, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Senate, No. 2414), 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.

Jason Barone-Cichocki, sick leave. 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 3 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.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill relative to the charter of the town of Dedham (House, No. 2081), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Dedham,—charter.

House bills

Authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of Hopkinton (House, No. 2018);

Third reading bills.

Amending the charter of the town of Northborough (House, No. 3903); and Establishing the position of town manager in the town of Belchertown (House, No. 3960);

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.

The House Bill to designate a certain bridge in the town of Lexington in honor of Henry N. "Hank" Manz (House, No. 3286), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Lexington,— Manz bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4160), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Corinne Senna, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4144) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Corinne Senna, sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4144, 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 me	

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (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.