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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.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had (under Section 215 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) appointed Representative Pease of Westfield to the Higher Education Quality and Affordability Task Force.

Higher
education
task force.

Guests of the House.

Subsequent to the noon recess, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, standing in the Well of the House Chamber, the 11th grade class from the Montrose School in Medfield. They were the guests of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham.

Medfield,—
Montrose
School.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill amending Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2023 (Senate, No. 2714) (on Senate, No. 2689) [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.

Cranberry
Highway
Smart Growth
District.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 5026, a Bill extending the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Swansea (House, No. 5092) [Local Approval Received].

Swansea,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4931, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to convert the annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 75 of the acts of 2008 to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5093) [Local Approval Received].

Salem,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4907, a Bill authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to grant 3 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5094) [Local Approval Received].

Tyngsborough,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4025, a Bill authorizing the town of Marshfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 5095) [Local Approval Received].

Marshfield,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3714, a Bill authorizing the town of Uxbridge to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 5096) [Local Approval Received].

Uxbridge,—
liquor
licenses.

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

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain overpass in the city of New Bedford as the Andre Lopes Korean War Veteran overpass (see House, No. 4954, amended), 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.

New Bedford,—
Lopes Korean
War Veteran
overpass.

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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Recess.

At six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes before one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing Gustavo Romero to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4860), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Haverhill,—
Gustavo
Romero.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in lines 5 and 6, by striking out the following sentence: "To be effective for the 2023-2025 law enforcement officer examination results."

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4860, 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At thirteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. McKenna of Sutton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.