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Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Met at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock noon, 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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point. They were the guests of the Speaker.

U.S. Military
Academy,—
cadets.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating Bob Sprague on his retirement as the editor of the local newspaper *YourArlington* and recognizing his decades of service to the town of Arlington, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Bob
Sprague.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, 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 Department of Telecommunications and Cable (see Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for said department for fiscal year 2023;

Telecommunica-
tions and
Cable.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8100-1004 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the second quarterly report of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab for fiscal year 2023; and

State Police
Crime Lab.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see item 8900-0001 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the second quarterly data report of the Massachusetts Department of Correction for fiscal year 2023;

Department of
Correction,—
data.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4176) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Holliston be authorized to convert one license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Holliston,—
liquor
licenses.

By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4177) of Mathew J. Muratore and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) relative to retirement benefits for certain employees of the harbormaster division of the police department of the town of Plymouth. To the committee on Public Service.

Plymouth,—
Harbormaster
employee
benefits.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the petition of Simon Cataldo and James Arciero relative to exempting the position of deputy fire chief of the town of Chelmsford from the provisions of the civil service law. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Chelmsford,—
civil service
exemption.

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 Natalie M. Blais relative to establishing a state disaster relief fund for emergency management. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Management. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Disaster
relief fund.

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 the city of Somerville to appoint an alternate member to the licensing commission (House, No. 3969) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—
licensing.

Relative to the select board of the town of Uxbridge (House, No. 3986) [Local Approval Received];

Uxbridge.

Allowing electronic delivery receipts for certain bulk sale customers (House, No. 4132); and

Bulk sale
customers.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Anthony Fannoh, Jr. an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 4165);

Anthony
Fannoh,—
sick leave.

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

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing Christopher Arrigo to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board (House, No. 3653); and

Exempting Eric Robert Esteves from the maximum age requirements for police officers in the town of Ware (House, No. 3961);

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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At eighteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.