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Tuesday, November 12, 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.

## *Appointment of the Speaker.*

The Speaker announced that he had (under Section 261 of Chapter 60 of the Acts of 1994) appointed Representative Orrall of Lakeville as his designee to the Cranberry Experiment Station Board of Oversight.

Cranberry  
Experiment  
Station Board.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Roy of Franklin and Soter of Bellingham) congratulating Elijah James Hopke on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Elijah  
Hopke.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Roy of Franklin) congratulating Lieutenant David J. Smith on the occasion of his retirement from the Franklin Fire Department;

Davis  
Smith.

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. Owens of Watertown, 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 for Administration and Finance (see Section 62 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting its report for fiscal year 2024 which contains a list of all capital projects, the legislation and line-item authorizing such funding, the municipalities and the legislative districts in which such projects are located;

Capital  
expenditures.

From the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its financial statements and supplementary information for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024;

Pioneer  
Valley Transit  
Authority.

From the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and

Id.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024;

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 52(a ½) of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report relative to the amount of transportation projects funded with Commonwealth Transportation Fund Special Obligation Bonds;

Transportation  
Fund Obligation  
Bonds.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its Health Safety Net Trust Fund annual report for fiscal year 2023; and

Health Safety  
Net Trust  
Fund.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0700 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on MassHealth Dental Coverage;

MassHealth,—  
dental  
coverage.

Severally were placed on file.

*Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Executive Office of Veterans Services (under Section 2 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2024, was placed on file.

Veterans  
Services.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5101) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Brittany Sproule to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement;

Haverhill,—  
Brittany  
Sproule.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5102) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Javier Vargas to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement; and

Haverhill,—  
Javier  
Vargas.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5103) of Andres X. Vargas (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize Stephen Justice to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Haverhill,—  
Stephen  
Justice.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Mark presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Smitty Pignatelli and Paul W. Mark that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation be directed to designate a portion of state highway Route 7A in the town of Lenox as the Ross B. Dindio memorial highway; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Lenox,—  
Dindio  
highway.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill authorizing the select board of the town of Provincetown to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (Senate, No. 2978) (on Senate bill No. 2473,

Provincetown,—  
fines.

changed), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul R. Feeney and F. Jay Barrows for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Jonathan Turner, an employee of the Norfolk County sheriff's office, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Jonathan  
Turner,—  
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2981) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

*Reports of a Committee.*

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:

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Alex Guzman (House, No. 5054) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—  
Alex  
Guzman.

Authorizing Dave Michienzi to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5061) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Dave  
Michienzi.

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

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendment of the House Bill increasing the membership of the board of sewer commissioners in the town of Northfield from 3 to 5 members (House, No. 4404), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Northfield,—  
sewer  
commissioners.

The House Bill authorizing Dante Perella to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4951), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

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The House Bill authorizing raising the maximum retirement age of special police officers in the city of Methuen to 70 years old (House, No. 4895), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Methuen,—  
special police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by in section 2, in line 7, by inserting after the word "Methuen" the words "pursuant to this act"; and in section 3, in line 8, by inserting after the word "officers" the words "appointed pursuant to this act".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4895, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

The House Bill authorizing Brian Dacey to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4950), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Methuen,—  
Brian Dacey.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

“SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 57 of the acts of 2024 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4950, 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 tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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