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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.

Silent Tribute.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess; and at the request of Representative Lombardo of Billerica, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Cosmo Cavicchio, Jr.

Cosmo
Cavicchio, Jr.

A loving father, grandfather, and beloved husband of Norma Cavicchio of 54 years, Cosmo passed away on Wednesday, November 8th.

Cos was known in Billerica as an active community member, representing his neighbors in town meeting for over 35 years, he served on the school committee, finance committee and as the assistant town moderator. Cosmo was also a long-time board member of the Billerica Boys and Girls Club and served as president for two years. Cosmo also proudly served our nation as a member of the Army National Guard.

The town of Billerica will forever be grateful to Cosmo for the positive impact he made on the community. May he rest in peace.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Mary Ann Cluggish on her lifelong dedication to the Commonwealth's libraries and the town of Wellesley; and

Mary Ann
Cluggish.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Pignatelli of Lenox) recognizing coach Fred Lafave for his outstanding coaching career at Lenox High;

Fred
Lafave.

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 the same member, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Representative Scarsdale of Pepperell and Senator Cronin presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4194) of Margaret R. Scarsdale and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) relative to the charter in the town of Groton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Groton,—
charter.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cataldo of Concord, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Simon Cataldo for legislation to regulate hunting on certain property owned by the Department of Correction in the town of Concord.

Concord,—
hunting.

By Representative Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Dylan A. Fernandes that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services be authorized to establish a program to promote, incentivize and support the development and deployment of eligible therapies among veterans and first responders.

Veterans
and first
responders.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4171), came from the Senate with the endorsement that said branch had insisted on its amendment (striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2505) (in which the House had non-concurred).

Supplemental
appropriations.

The bill bore the further endorsement that said branch had concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches; and that Senators Rodrigues, Friedman and O'Connor had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Committee of
conference.

A Bill relative to pharmaceutical access, costs and transparency (Senate, No. 2520) (on Senate Bill No. 2499, amended) [Estimated cost: More than \$100,000.00], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Pharmaceutical
access, etc.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2521) of Adam Gomez and Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, for legislation to establish the Environmental Justice Trust Fund. To the committee on the Judiciary.

Environmental
justice trust
fund.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2522) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to the creditable service of former employees of the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency. To the committee on Public Service.

Finance
agency,—
Retirement.

A report of the committee on Revenue, recommending that the report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-sixth annual report (Senate, No. 22), be placed on file,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Capital
Resource
Company.

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 petition 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. Under of suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Elder Affairs. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Entrance
fee refunds.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Deerfield on May 2, 2022 (printed in House, No. 4157). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Deerfield,—
election.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under suspension of the rules, on further motion of the same member, the bill (having been 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.

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:

Updating real estate appraiser record retention requirements (House, No. 336);

Appraisers.
Chatham,—
funds.

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Chatham (House, No. 1365) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a housing trust fund in the town of Chatham (House, No. 1366) [Local Approval Received];

Chatham,—
trust fund.

Authorizing the town of Charlemont to establish a tax on commercial recreation services (House, No. 2713) [Local Approval Received];

Charlemont,—
taxes.

Making October 25th Dwarfism awareness day in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3044);

Dwarfism
awareness.

Amending the charter of the city of Greenfield (House, No. 3725, changed) [Local Approval Received];

Greenfield,—
charter.

Reorganizing the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (House, No. 3775) [Local Approval Received];

Lexington,—
board.

Facilitating the appropriation and expenditure of community preservation funds for community housing purposes in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4042) [Local Approval Received]; and

Wellesley,—
community
housing.

Relative to establishing a trust to administer a length of service award program for the Swansea Fire Department (House, No. 4047) [Local Approval Received];

Swansea,—
volunteer
firefighters.

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

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill to establish a Massachusetts children's cabinet (House, No. 189). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Children's
cabinet,—
establishment.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill relative to reprecincting (House, No. 708).

Reprecincting.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, the for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill authorizing project labor agreements (House, No. 3012).

Labor
agreements,—
projects.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the 401(k) CORE program (House, No. 3031).

401(k) CORE
program.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill extending the date for issuance of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in Hanover (House, No. 4009) [Local Approval Received].

Hanover,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3740, a Bill authorizing the licensing authority of the town of Natick to establish minimum seating capacity for granting licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4187) [Local Approval Received].

Natick,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3839, a Bill authorizing the town of Westford to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4188) [Local Approval Received].

Westford,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3968, a Bill granting an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Chatham (House, No. 4189) [Local Approval Received].

Chatham,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4001, a Bill authorizing the town of Weston to grant an additional license for the sale of wines at a food store (House, No. 4190) [Local Approval Received].

Weston,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4035, a Bill authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4191) [Local Approval Received].

Greenfield,—
liquor
license.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4073, a Bill authorizing the town of Williamstown to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4192) [Local Approval Received].

Williamstown,—
liquor
license.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3959) [Local Approval Received].

Easthampton,—
charter.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill changing the board of selectmen of the town of Avon to a select board (House, No. 3746, changed), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Avon,—
select board.

The House Bill designating a certain overpass in the town of Stoneham as the State Trooper Tamar A. Bucci memorial bridge (House, No. 4123), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Stoneham,—
Bucci bridge.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in line 1 by striking out the following: "SECTION 1."; and by striking out section 2.

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4123, amended) then 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 twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.