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Thursday, November 21, 2024.

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.

Communications.

A communication from the Division of Energy Resources of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under the provisions of section 12 of Chapter 25A of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to regulations governing Building Energy Reporting (House, No. 5110), was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Division of Energy Resources,— regulations.

Communications

From the District Attorney of Middlesex County (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting its Juvenile Justice Unit annual report for calendar year 2023;

Middlesex County,— juveniles.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (see Section 22 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the monthly Working Training for Emergency Assistance Residents Report for November, 2024;

Working training.

From the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see item 1599-0514 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023 and Section 19 of Chapter 88 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the November 14, 2024 biweekly report on the emergency housing assistance program; and

Emergency housing assistance.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4003-0123 of Section 2 of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the monthly Resettlement Agency Report for October, 2024;

Resettlement Agency.

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for November 2024, was placed on file.

Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

Petition.

Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5119) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) for legislation

Holliston,— select

to create a select board-town manager form of government in the town of Holliston; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

board.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the board of public works in the town of Lee (House, No. 3890, amended), came from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2982. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Lee,—
public works
board.

Bills

Providing for recall elections in the town of Granby (Senate, No. 2444) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Granby,—
recalls.

Authorizing the town of Raynham to appoint retired police officers as special police officers (Senate, No. 2983) (on Senate bill No. 2937) [Local Approval Received];

Raynham,—
retired police.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Andover to convert a certain parcel of land for general municipal purposes (see Senate, No. 2955) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a joint petition, a Bill to increase the income limit for Clause 41A, Senior Tax Deferral Program in Ipswich (House, No. 5086) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Ipswich,—
senior tax
deferrals.

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, for the committee on Revenue, on a petition, a Bill relative to property tax classification in the city of Boston (House, No. 5099) [Local Approval Received] [Senator Fattman dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Boston,—
property
tax.

Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the foregoing bill, ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5114) [Local Approval Received]. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

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

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bill was read a second time forthwith. The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, Mr. Garballey of Arlington moved that the rules be suspended, so that the bill might be read a third time forthwith; and the motion prevailed.

Mr. DeCoste of Norwell thereupon asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) determined that a quorum was not in attendance, and since a quorum was not in attendance when the previous vote was taken, the vote on suspension of the rules must be declared void.

The Chair (Mr. Donato), at thirteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, under the provisions of House Rule 82, declared an adjournment of the House until the following day at eleven o'clock A.M, in an Informal Session.

Quorum.

Rule 82.