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Wednesday, November 22, 2023.

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.

## *Annual and Monthly Reports.*

An annual report of the State 911 Department (under Section 18B(j) of Chapter 6A and Section 35JJ of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) for the calendar year 2022, and the Grant Expenditure Report by community for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 [copies were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Public Safety and Homeland Security, as required by said law];

State 911  
Department  
report.

### Monthly reports

Of the Executive Office of the Trial Court (under Section 15 of Chapter 239 of the General Laws, as added by Section 64 of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting its report on filings, actions, and dispositions of summary process cases relative to permanent rental protections; and

Trial Court,—  
rental  
protections.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund for October 2023;

Unemployment  
Insurance Trust  
Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill authorizing the city of Pittsfield to award a 1-year or multiple-year contract for an audit of the books and accounts of the city (House, No. 2045) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 11, by striking out the words "its award" and inserting in place thereof the words "the year that is subject to the audit". The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Pittsfield,—  
audits.

A Bill authorizing the town of Wales to establish a department of public works (Senate, No. 1297, amended in section 3, in lines 22 to 27, inclusive, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines) (on a petition) [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.

Wales,—  
public works.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2519) of Marc R. Pacheco and Susan Williams Gifford (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the Wareham town charter. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Wareham,—  
road  
commissioners.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2508) of Bruce E. Tarr and Kristin E. Kassner (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to real property tax deferrals in the town of Hamilton. To the committee on Revenue.

Hamilton,—  
tax deferrals.

### *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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ryan M. Hamilton, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Sally P. Kerans relative to personal financial literacy in schools. To the committee on Education.

Schools,—  
personal  
finances.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Simon Cataldo for legislation to regulate hunting on certain property owned by the Department of Correction in the town of Concord. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Concord,—  
hunting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill designating September as PCOS awareness month (House, No. 3090), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

PCOS  
month.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the State Board of Retirement to grant creditable service to Paul Lemelin (House, No. 4020). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Paul Lemelin,—  
creditable  
service.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to the maximum age requirement for police officers for the city of Methuen (House, No. 2548) [Local Approval Received].

Methuen  
police,—  
maximum age.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the police chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 2678) [Local Approval Received].

Wrentham,—  
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill exempting the Deputy Police Chief of the town of Wrentham from the civil service law (House, No. 2679) [Local Approval Received].

Id.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to civil service positions in the Department of Public Works of the city of Northampton (House, No. 3719) [Local Approval Received].

Northampton,—  
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Charlemont to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3988) [Local Approval Received].

Charlemont,—  
Dennis  
Annear.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Rowe to continue the employment of fire department member Dennis Annear (House, No. 3989) [Local Approval Received].

Rowe,—  
Dennis  
Annear.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Holliston to continue the employment of Mark Dellicker as deputy fire chief until a maximum age of 70 (House, No. 3998) [Local Approval Received].

Holliston,—  
Mark  
Dellicker.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sunderland to continue the employment of fire department member Scott Smith (House, No. 4003) [Local Approval Received].

Sunderland,—  
Scott Smith.

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

### *Engrossed Bills.*

#### Engrossed bills

Increasing the membership of the board of health in the town of Reading (see House, No. 2072);

Bills  
enacted.

Changing the board of selectmen of the town of Avon to a select board (see House, No. 3746, changed and amended); and

Authorizing the city of Northampton to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (see House, No. 3952);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

### *Orders of the Day.*

#### House bills

Relative to establishing the Eastham community fund in the town of Eastham (House, No. 2097);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Kingston (House, No. 4011); and

Relative to the planning board in the town of Shutesbury (House, No. 4038);

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.

### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

Representative Nguyen of Andover then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Susan C. Tucker, a member of the House from Andover from 1983 to 1990, inclusive, and a member of the Senate from 1999 to 2010, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.