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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.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4201) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Mark C. Montigny and Christopher Hendricks (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to employ a non-resident as the administrative assistant to the board of assessors of said city; and

New
Bedford,—
residency.

By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Kane of Shrewsbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4202) of Kate Donaghue and Hannah Kane (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Westborough.

Westborough,—
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Elliott of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Rodney M. Elliott relative to eligibility for veteran license plates.

Veterans,—
license plates.

By Representative Murray of Milford (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Harold S. Rhodes for legislation to further regulate town meeting notices.

Town meeting
notices.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Conway to continue the employment of police officer Randall Williams (House, No. 2448, amended) [Local Approval Received], 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 2513. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Conway,—
Randall
Williams.

Reports of Committees.

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:

Banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals (House, No. 3005);

Unhoused.

Relative to educational collaboratives (House, No. 3085);
 Prohibiting state and municipal contracts for the purchase and installation of artificial turf fields (House, No. 3948);
 Amending the charter of the city of Easthampton (House, No. 3959) [Local Approval Received]; and
 Amending the special act charter of the city of Northampton (House, No. 4080) [Local Approval Received];
 Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Kerans of Danvers, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Collaboratives.
 Artificial turf fields.
 Eastham,—
 charter.
 Northampton,—
 charter.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill to recall elected officials in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea (printed as Senate, No. 440) [Local Approval Received].

Manchester-by-the-Sea,—
 recall elections.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill exempting the [sic] certain individual from the age restrictions for police officers (House, No. 4041) [Local Approval Received].

Wrentham,—
 William McGrath.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Bernardston to continue the employment of fire chief Peter Shedd (House, No. 4064) [Local Approval Received].

Bernardston,—
 Peter Shedd.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the continued employment of Glenn Davis, the fire chief of the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 4146) [Local Approval Received].

Lynnfield,—
 Glenn Davis.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Brandon Fredette to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4147) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
 Brandon Fredette.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a 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. 4148) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
 Brian Dacey.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Derek Clark to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4149) [Local Approval Received].

Haverhill,—
 Derek Clark.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3928, a Bill authorizing the town of Chesterfield to continue the employment of reserve special police officer Greg Smith (House, No. 4195) [Local Approval Received].

Chesterfield,—
 Greg Smith.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3865, a Bill authorizing the town of West Stockbridge to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief (House, No. 4196) [Local Approval Received].

West Stockbridge,—
 Steven Traver.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3951, a Bill authorizing the town of Richmond to continue the employment of Steven Traver as fire chief (House, No. 4197) [Local Approval Received].

Richmond,—
 Steven Traver.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Deerfield on May 2, 2022 (see House bill printed in House, No. 4157) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted (more than two-thirds of the members having agreed to be the same); and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Northborough (see House, No. 3903) (which originated in the House), 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.

Id.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Authorizing Jacob M. White to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (House, No. 3641);

Authorizing Matthew K. Sonnabend to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable county retirement board (House, No. 3643);

Relative to care, custody, and control and uses of Wing Island (House, No. 3875); and

Relative to certain parcels of land in the town of Cohasset (House, No. 4037);

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.

Recess.

There being no objection, at twenty-two minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair; and at one minute before three o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

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 three o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.