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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024.**

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Thursday, December 5, 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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Linsky of Natick) celebrating the occasion of Thomas Carroll, Jr.'s one hundred and second birthday; and

Thomas  
Carroll, Jr.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth and Xiarhos of Barnstable) commending the Bourne Recreation Authority on the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the John Gallo Ice Arena;

Bourne,—  
Gallo Ice  
Arena.

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

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 13V of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI) Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission Report for fiscal year 2024;

Ireland-  
Massachusetts  
trade  
commission.

From the Office of the Veteran Advocate (see Section 4 of Chapter 115B of the General Laws) submitting its inaugural annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Veteran  
advocate.

From the Martha's Vineyard 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;

Martha's  
Vineyard  
Transit.

From the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024;

Id.

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Section 7(e) of Chapter 175M of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Family and Medical Leave annual report for the Massachusetts Paid Family and Medical Leave program for fiscal year 2024;

Paid family  
and medical  
leave.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (see items 7004-9024 and 7004-9030 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP) and Alternative House Voucher Program (AHVP) reports for fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024;

Housing voucher programs.

From the Executive Office for Housing and Livable Communities (under item 7004-9316 of Section 2 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) submitting its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) first quarterly report for fiscal year 2024;

Families in transition,—residential assistance.

From the Executive Office of Education (see item 1596-2417 of Section 2E of Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2023) submitting the Department of Higher Education’s Fair Share Higher Education Capital Funding legislative report for fiscal year 2024;

Fair Share Higher Education funding.

From the Department of Higher Education (see item 7066-0036 of Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the STEM Starter Academy Annual Evaluation Report, Year 8, for calendar year 2021;

STEM Academy.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 7 of Chapter 453 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the Department of Environmental Protection’s home heating oil release report; and

Home heating oil.

From Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (see Section 27 of Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993) submitting the Devens annual report for fiscal year 2024;

MassDevelopment Devens report.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Annual, Quarterly and Special Reports.*

##### Reports

Of the Commissioner of Massachusetts Probation Service (under Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting the fiscal year 2024 annual report of the Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers; and

Community corrections centers.

Of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (under Section 151 of Chapter 135 of the Acts of 2024) submitting a report of recommendations by the Community Violence Prevention Task Force; and

Community violence prevention.

The quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for the second quarter ending June 30, 2024;

Sexual assault evidence collection.

Severally were placed on file.

#### *Petitions.*

Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Durant presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5134) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) relative to increasing the membership of the select board in the town of Paxton; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paxton,—select board.

Representative Muradian of Grafton and Senator Moore presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Michael O. Moore that the Middlesex county retirement board be authorized to increase the accidental disability retirement allowance payable to John Moran, a retired police officer of the

John Moran,—creditable service.

town of Hopkinton; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2860) (on Senate, No. 2497) [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.

Provincetown,—  
liquor  
licenses.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Further regulating the Nantucket sewer commission (Senate, No. 2436) [Local Approval Received]; and

Nantucket,—  
commission.

Authorizing the select board of the town of Provincetown to establish a schedule of fines for parking violations (Senate, No. 2978) [Local Approval Received]; and

Provincetown,—  
fines.

House bills

To extend the time for the issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4909) [Local Approval Received];

Burlington,—  
liquor licenses.

Authorizing Gabriel Rosa to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5069) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Gabriel Rosa.

Authorizing Juan Jimenez to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 5070) [Local Approval Received];

Haverhill,—  
Juan Jimenez.

Authorizing the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District to convey certain land to the town of Charlton (House, No. 5091);

Dudley-Charlton  
school district.

Exempting the office of chief of police in the city of Worcester from the civil service law (House, No. 5107) [Local Approval Received];

Worcester,—  
civil service.

Authorizing the town of Dartmouth to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5125) [Local Approval Received];

Dartmouth,—  
liquor  
license.

Increasing the age limit for retired police officers serving as special police officers in the town of Weston (House, No. 5127) [Local Approval Received]; and

Weston,—  
special police.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne Rainone, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 5131).

Jeanne  
Rainone,—  
sick leave.

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

Report of the committee on Public Service, ought NOT to pass (under Joint Rule 10), on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2595) of Joseph D. McKenna and Paul K. Frost (by vote of the town) relative to employment within the police department of the town of Oxford.

Oxford,—  
police  
department.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Pending the question on acceptance of the report, the petition was recommitted, on motion of Mr. Gordon of Bedford.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House, Nos. 5109 and 5117, a Bill relative to commercial driver's licenses (printed in House, No. 5109). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Commercial drivers' licenses.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill regarding the disability pension for Misael Rodriguez administered by the Springfield retirement board (House, No. 4988) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Springfield,—  
Misael Rodriguez.

#### *Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jonathan Turner, an employee of the Norfolk county sheriff's office (see Senate, No. 2981), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Jonathan Turner,—  
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

#### *Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill directing the city of Boston police department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Paul O'Brien (see House, No. 4592) (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.

Bill enacted.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill establishing appointed positions of district clerk and district treasurer for the North Raynham water district (Senate, No. 2717), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

#### House bills

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

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 5066); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Daniel McKim, an employee of Worcester County Sheriff's Office (House, No. 5116);

Third reading bills.

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.

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The House Bill preserving the competitiveness of group auto and homeowners insurance plans (House, No. 957), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Insurance plans.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 5133), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill relative to the town of Blandford volunteer fire department (House, No. 2716), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Blandford volunteer fire department.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it in section 1, in line 3, by inserting after the word “department” the words “who reside in the town”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2716, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing the appointment of retired police officers to perform police details in the town of Plainville (House, No. 4464) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Plainville,— retired police.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it, in section 4, by adding the following sentence: “A special police officer appointed under this act shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4464, 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 on Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Marie E. Howe, a member of

the House from Somerville from 1965 to 1988, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (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.