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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.

Messages from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 3 of Article LXXII of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 5519), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, June 18.

Municipal
roads and
bridges,—
bond terms.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to exempting George Patrinos from the maximum age requirement age for the position of firefighter in the town of Dudley (House, No. 5520), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, June 18.

Dudley,—
George
Patrinos.

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Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston) commending the town of Plymouth on its commemoration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and its contributions to the history of the United States of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Plymouth.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

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Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Gentile of Sudbury and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5521) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for recall elections in the town of Sudbury. To the committee Election Laws.

Sudbury,—
recall
elections.

By Representatives Gentile of Sudbury and Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5522) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Alice Hanlon Peisch (by vote of the town) relative to prohibiting anticoagulant rodenticides in the town of Lincoln; and

Lincoln,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Philips of Sharon and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5523) of Edward R. Philips (by vote of the town) that the town of Sharon be authorized to prohibit the use of second-generation anticoagulants in said town.

Sharon,—
rodenticides.

Severally to the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5524) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the membership of the conservation commission in the town of Chatham. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Chatham,—
conservation
commission.

By Representative Consalvo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5525) of Rob Consalvo (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the retirement board of the city of Boston be authorized to increase the disability pension of Leo J. Bracken, a firefighter of the city of Boston. To the committee on Public Service.

Boston,—
Leo Bracken.

By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5526) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Holliston be authorized to establish a means-tested senior citizen property tax exemption for debt exclusion construction projects. To the committee on Revenue.

Holliston,—
tax
exemptions.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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By Representative Chan of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan relative to increasing available support systems for those with substance use disorder.

Substance use
disorder,—
commitment.

By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bud L. Williams for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to property tax relief and local aid reform.

Property tax
relief and
local aid.

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

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill establishing a charter for the town of Orange (House, No. 5053), 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 3135. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Orange,—
charter.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Senate Bill further regulating parking fines in the town of Scituate (Senate, No. 2577) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Scituate,—
parking
fines.

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. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill to advance health equity (House, No. 1416) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Health
equity.

By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, for the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, on House, No. 5386, a Bill relative to Massachusetts winning global investment, talent, and innovation (House, No. 5527) [Bond Issue: \$305,000,000.00]. Referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Economic
infrastructure,—
bond bill.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Regulating the maximum age requirement for original appointment as a police officer for the city of Worcester (see House, No. 3929);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the city of North Adams to appoint retired North Adams police officers as special police officers within said city for paid detail assignments (see House, No. 4141, amended);

(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.

Senate bills

Establishing a sick leave bank for Shannon Manning, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2908, amended); and

Third
reading
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Stephanie Rivera, an employee of the Worcester county sheriff's office (Senate, No. 3031, amended);

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, in concurrence.

House bills

Relative to the maximum age requirement for original appointment to the position of firefighter or police officer in the city of Haverhill (House, No. 4443) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Id.

Relating to the transfer of interest in land in West Brookfield (House, No. 5379);

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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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 eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Pease of Westfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.