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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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.

Statement of Representative Day of Stoneham.

A statement of Mr. Day of Stoneham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I am unable to be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to a private family commitment. Had I been present, I would have voted in the affirmative on Yea and Nay No. 66. My missing of roll calls today is due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of
Representative
Day of
Stoneham.

Remote Participation.

Notice had been received from House Counsel that, under the provisions of House Rule 49, Representatives Boldyga of Southwick, Duffy of Holyoke, Ferrante of Gloucester, Peisch of Wellesley and Ultrino of Malden had been approved to participate remotely for today's formal sitting.

Remote
participation.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, standing in the well of the House Chamber, members of the Bellingham Council on Aging. They were the guests of Mr. Soter of Bellingham.

Bellingham
Council on
Aging.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Cabral of New Bedford, Hendricks of New Bedford, Markey of Dartmouth, Sylvia of Fairhaven and Ouellette of Westport) honoring the two hundredth anniversary of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (A.M.E) of New Bedford, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Bethel African
Methodist
Episcopal
Church.

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

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4309) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) relative to preliminary elections in the town of Longmeadow. To the committee on Election Laws.

Longmeadow,—
preliminary
elections.

By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4310) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to further regulate the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Belmont,—
rodenticides.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4311) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) relative to the year-round market rate rental housing trust fund in the town of Provincetown. To the committee on Housing.

Provincetown,—
housing
trust fund.

By Representative Ashe of Longmeadow and Senator Oliveira, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4312) of Brian M. Ashe (by vote of the town) relative to the charter of the town of Longmeadow;

Longmeadow,—
charter.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4313) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize digital legal notices for the town of North Brookfield; and

North
Brookfield,—
digital legal
notices.

By Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4314) of Joan Meschino (by vote of the town) that the town of Hingham be authorized to use municipal property as the location for a center for active living.

Hingham,—
municipal
property.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

By Representative Pease of Westfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4315) of Kelly W. Pease (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Westfield be authorized to establish an age limit for original appointment to the position of firefighter in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Westfield,—
firefighters.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representatives Badger of Plymouth and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michelle L. Badger for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate October 15th as lobular breast cancer awareness day.

Lobular
breast cancer
day.

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and Peter J. Durant relative to the retirement benefits of Dale R. Kiley, a retired state trooper.

Dale Kiley,—
retirement.

By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato for legislation to regulate organ transport vehicles.

Organ transport
vehicles.

By Representative Galvin of Canton, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William C. Galvin relative to permitting for the transportation of certain loads.

Loads,—
transportation.

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

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:

Relative to legal advertisements and public notices (House, No. 2243);

Relative to making the charter of the city of Chicopee gender neutral (House, No. 2244) [Local Approval Received];

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (House, No. 2251) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the Cotuit Fire District (House, No. 2258);

Authorizing the Cotuit Fire District to raise and appropriate money for the Historical Society of Santuit and Cotuit (House, No. 2259);

Relative to firefighter residency (House, No. 2260);

Bridgewater town charter article II, legislative branch section 2-13(a) annual stipend [sic] (House, No. 2268) [Local Approval Received];

Bridgewater town charter article IV, town manager “temporary absence” [sic] (House, No. 2269) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Sudbury to establish a fee for checkout bags (House, No. 2273) [Local Approval Received];

Allowing the town of Williamstown to expand financial eligibility for senior property tax exemption (House, No. 3026) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3893) [Local Approval Received];

Increasing the membership of the board of health of the town of Marblehead from three members to five (House, No. 3912) [Local Approval Received];

Allowing “print-free” digital legal notices for the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4138) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the town of Wellesley to dissolve its Housing Development Corporation (House, No. 4139) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to non-civil service public safety personnel in the town of Wellesley (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received];

Expanding the select board of the town of Weston (House, No. 4158) [Local Approval Received];

Authorizing the city of Watertown to lease property at 124 Watertown street, Watertown (former Parker school) (House, No. 4205) [Local Approval Received]; and

Establishing a charter for the city of Somerville (House, No. 4264) [Local Approval Received].

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, Nos. 388, 410 and 413, a Bill governing your membership in fitness clubs (House, No. 4274).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 418, a Bill relative to the adjudicative process of the Board of State Examiners of Electricians (House, No. 4279).

Legal notices.

Chicopee,—
charter.

Conway,—
fund.

Cotuit fire.
Id.

Firefighters.

Bridgewater,—
stipends.

Bridgewater,—
town manager.

Sudbury,—
bag fee.

Williamstown,—
property taxes.

Lexington,—
liquor
licenses.

Marblehead,—
health board.

Wellesley,—
digital notices.

Wellesley,—
corporation.

Wellesley,—
residency.

Weston,—
select board.

Watertown,—
land.

Somerville,—
charter.

Fitness club
memberships.

Electricians.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 423, a Bill relative to increasing language offerings for licensure exams (House, No. 4280).

Licensure exams.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 473, a Bill relative to the registration of irrigation contractors (House, No. 4283).

Irrigation contractors.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 474, a Bill relative to vehicle recalls (House, No. 4284).

Vehicle recalls.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 390, a Bill relative to alcohol license permits and suspensions (House, No. 4275).

Alcohol licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 399, a Bill re-authorizing the town of Swansea to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4276) [Local Approval Received].

Swansea,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 400, a Bill creating a maximum allowable check-cashing rate for check cashers (House, No. 4277).

Check cashers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 435 and 445, a Bill relative to successor supplier laws and the termination of sales to wholesalers of alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4281).

Alcohol wholesalers.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 466, a Bill authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4282) [Local Approval Received].

Palmer,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 36 and 477 and on a part of House, No. 35, a Bill modernizing the Massachusetts alcohol permitting laws (House, No. 4285).

Alcohol permitting.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3906, a Bill authorizing the town of Somerset to grant an additional license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises (House, No. 4286) [Local Approval Received].

Somerset,—
liquor
licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4155, a Bill authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 4 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4287) [Local Approval Received].

West
Springfield,—
liquor
licenses.

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

At twenty-eight minutes before twelve o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair) the House recessed until one o'clock P.M.; and twenty-nine minutes before two o'clock, the House was called to order with Ms. Hogan of Stow in the Chair.

Recess.

Prior to the noon recess (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair),—By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the House Bill financing long-term improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4257),

Municipal roads and bridges,—
bonds.

ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 4307) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,185,000,000.00]. 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 Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, 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, the noon recess having terminated (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After debate on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by the yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Arciero of Westford; and on the roll call 156 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See [Yea and Nay No. 66](#) in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill passed to be engrossed,—yea and nay No. 66.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill validating the results of the special election held in the town of Hardwick on January 18, 2025 (printed in House, No. 4004), 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. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

Representative Vieira of Falmouth moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Matthew C. Patrick, a member of the House from Falmouth from 2001 to 2010, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at one minute before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading (Ms. Hogan of Stow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.