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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.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Badger of Plymouth and LaNatra of Kingston) commending the town of Plymouth on its recognition of the anniversary of National Purple Heart Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Plymouth,—
National Purple
Heart Day.

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.

Order.

An Order (filed by Representatives Arciero of Westford and Philips of Sharon) relative to extending until Tuesday, January 5, 2027 the time within which the committee on Transportation is authorized to report on current House documents, was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Transportation,—
extension of time
for reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 5619) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Davis of Great Barrington and Senator Mark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5641) of Leigh Davis (by vote of the town) that the town of Becket be authorized to establish a temporary moratorium on large scale photovoltaic installations and battery energy storage systems in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Beckett,—
battery storage
systems.

By Representative Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5642) of Michael J. Finn (with the approval of the mayor and town council) relative to the disability retirement of Michael D. Chapdelaine, a police officer in the city known as the town of West Springfield. To the committee on Public Service.

West Springfield,—
Michael
Chapdelaine.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Donato of Medford, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul J. Donato, Steven Ultrino and Kate Lipper-Garabedian for legislation to authorize the release or amendment of certain use restrictions on former state property in the city of Malden.

Malden,—
land.

By Representatives LeBoeuf of Worcester and Kane of Shrewsbury, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf and Hannah Kane for legislation to promote access to substance use disorder treatment.

Substance use
disorder,—
treatment.

Severally referred, 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:

Extending the timeframe for the issuance of licenses granted pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2020 in the city of Easthampton (House, No. 5547) [Local Approval Received]; and

Easthampton,—
liquor licenses.

Amending the charter of the town of Bellingham to allow the director of finance to serve as the town accountant (House, No. 5564) [Local Approval Received];

Bellingham,—
charter.

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

By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following bills ought to pass:

Relative to persons with developmental disabilities (House, No. 276) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Developmental
disabilities.

Relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program (House, No. 277) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Personal care
attendants.

To streamline patient disclosure requirements (House, No. 1126) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Patients,—
disclosures.

Relative to the small necessities leave act (House, No. 2083) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Family and
medical leave.

Relative to mandatory coverage for certain health screenings for firefighters (House, No. 2918) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Firefighters,—
health screenings.

Relative to the use of virtual credit cards by dental insurance providers (House, No. 4260) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Dental
insurance.

Relative to cognitive rehabilitation for individuals with an acquired brain injury (House, No. 4335) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Acquired brain
injuries.

To reduce inequities in access to medical procedures (House, No. 4338) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Medical
procedures.

Establishing the hospital to home partnership program (House, No. 4432) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Hospital to
home program.

To ensure access to prescription medication and community pharmacies (House, No. 4493) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00];

Community
pharmacies.

To promote increased access to patient care through equitable reimbursement (House, No. 4618) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]; and

Patients,—
reimbursement.

Preserving access to treatment for patients with serious mental illnesses (House, No. 4892) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Mental illness,—
treatment.

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

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Holyoke to prohibit use of SGARs (House, No. 5475) [Local Approval Received].

Holyoke,—
rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting anticoagulant rodenticides in the town of Lincoln (House, No. 5522) [Local Approval Received].

Lincoln,—
rodenticides.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Sharon to prohibit the use of second-generation anticoagulants (House, No. 5523) [Local Approval Received].

Sharon,—
rodenticides.

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

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Orrall of Lakeville (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.