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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.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Garballey of Arlington), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, Girl Scout Troop 83330 from Rockland and Abington. At the invitation of the Chair, the Troop joined the Chair in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Representatives Sullivan-Almedia of Abington and DeCoste of Norwell and Senator Keenan.

Girl Scout
Troop 83330.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Sousa of Framingham, Sena of Acton and Mendes of Brockton) congratulating Edirson Paiva on the occasion of his eighty second birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Edirson
Paiva.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

Communication.

A communication from the Bristol County Registry of Deeds, Fall River District (under Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting an initial plan for technological improvements at said registry [copies of said communication referred, as required under said law, to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Post Audit and Oversight], was placed on file.

Bristol County
Registry of
Deeds,—
technology.

Petitions.

Representative Galvin of Canton and Senator Brady presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5656) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) that the town of Avon be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises in said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Avon,—
liquor
license.

Representative Uytterhoeven of Somerville presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Erika Uytterhoeven for legislation to regulate artificial intelligence; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Artificial
intelligence,—
regulation.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill relative to the nomination process for candidates for town meeting in Milford (House, No. 4185), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by said branch with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3233. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Milford,—
candidates.

The House Bill authorizing charity alcohol auctions (House, No. 5351), came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by said branch with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 3252. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Alcohol,—
charity
auctions.

A communication from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) submitting proposed amendments to the rules and regulations governing retirement of public employees in Massachusetts (840 CMR 6.00) (Senate, No. 3255), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

PERAC,—
regulations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Patrick Nelligan, an employee of the Department of Correction. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the joint petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Patrick
Nelligan,—
sick leave.

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:

Authorizing the town of Topsfield to continue to [sic] employment of police chief Neal Hovey (House, No. 5435) [Local Approval Received]; and

Topsfield, —
Neal Hovey.

Amending the town charter for the town of Plymouth (House, No. 5497) [Local Approval Received].

Plymouth,—
charter.

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

The following reports were received, the time within which the said committees were required to report having expired:

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 2328, 4163, 4410 and 4411, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to Housing matters (House, No. 5647).

Housing,—
study.

By Mr. Ryan of Boston, for the committee on Public Service, on House, No. 5420, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to the town of Leicester (House, No. 5648).

Leicester,—
study.

By Mr. McGonagle of Everett, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3890, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to death and disability compensation for members of the armed forces (House, No. 5649).

Armed forces
compensation,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3878, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs to make an investigation and study of a certain House document relative to veteran disability benefits (House, No. 5651).

Veteran
disability
benefits,—
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 213) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Behavioral
health.—
children.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill allowing fair compensation of credit union directors (see House, No. 1338, amended), 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.

Credit
unions,—
compensation.

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 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Wrentham to exempt from taxation certain real estate owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of deputy chief George C. Labonte (see House, No. 4269); and

Bills
enacted.

Establishing an economic development special revenue account for the town of Hopkinton (see House, No. 4293);

(Which severally originated in the House);

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

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.

The House Bill exempting the positions of police chief and deputy police chief in the city of Medford from the civil service law (House, No. 5380), 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 on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.