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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.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Jones of North Reading) honoring longtime Lynnfield resident Phil Crawford for his decades of public service to the town of Lynnfield;

Phil
Crawford.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Field of Taunton, Orrall of Lakeville and Thurber of Somerset) commending Sister Donald Marie Kerr on her many years of dedication and service to Our Lady of Lourdes School and Church and to the Greater Taunton community;

Sister Donald
Marie Kerr.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Field of Taunton, Orrall of Lakeville and Thurber of Somerset) commending Sister Teresa Silva for her many years of dedication and service to the Sisters of Mercy Convent and Our Lady of Lourdes Church; and

Sister
Teresa Silva.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Rogers of Cambridge and Garballey of Arlington) congratulating the Housing Corporation of Arlington on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of its founding;

Housing
Corporation
of Arlington.

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

Reports of Committees.

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

Amending the Waterways Capital Improvement Fund in the town of Dennis (Senate, No. 3097) [Local Approval Received]; and

Dennis,—
capital fund.

Authorizing the town of Medfield to continue the employment of David O'Toole as deputy fire chief (Senate, No. 3139) [Local Approval Received];

Medfield,—
David O'Toole.

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

The following report was received, the time within which the said committee was required to report having expired:

By Mr. Haggerty of Woburn, for the committee on Housing, on House, Nos. 1477, 1478, 1526 and 1572, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Housing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to housing and rent programs (House, No. 5678). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Housing and
rent programs,—
study.

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

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill amending the town of Arlington's means tested senior citizen property tax exemption (House, No. 4575), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Arlington,—
property taxes.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer Jennifer O. Brown (House, No. 4862), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Monterey,—
Jennifer
Brown.

House bills

Relative to increasing the membership of the select board of the town of Berlin (House, No. 4580) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third
reading
bills.

To increase the value of estates eligible for abatements pursuant to clauses seventeenth D and forty-first C of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws in the town of Shrewsbury (House, No. 5515) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a sewer and water advisory board in the town of Walpole (see Senate, No. 3087) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust Fund to expend funds for certain community housing purposes (see House, No. 4186);

Enabling expenditures from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the town of West Tisbury (see House, No. 4378);

Amending the charter of the town of Nantucket (see House, No. 4441, changed);

Authorizing the county of Nantucket to convey School street in the town and county of Nantucket (see House, No. 4505);

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Amending the charter of the city of Pittsfield (see House, No. 4716, amended);
and

Authorizing the town of Monterey to continue the employment of police officer
Jennifer O. Brown (see House, No. 4862, 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.

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 nineteen 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.