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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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That (under the provisions of Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1954) he had appointed Representative Garballey of Arlington to the New England Board of Higher Education;

New England
Board of Higher
Education.

That (under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) he had appointed Representatives Garcia of Chelsea and Gordon of Bedford to the Early Education and Care Workforce Council to make recommendations on improving and enhancing professional development and higher education opportunities necessary for the growth and stability of a high quality early education and care workforce;

Early education
workforce council.

That (under the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 15D of the General Laws) he had appointed Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Howard of Lowell and Lewis of Framingham to the State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care;

Early education
advisory council.

That (under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 2016 and most recently revived and continued by Section 308 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Kerans of Danvers to the special commission on local and regional public health to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of municipal and regional public health systems and to make recommendations regarding how to strengthen the delivery of public health services and preventive measures; and

Local and
regional public
health.

That (under the provisions of Section 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws), he had appointed Whitney Dodds, LMHC, Melissa Ferretti of Buzzards Bay and Emily Wilson, Ph.D. of Plymouth to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

Status of
Women.

Communications were received from the Speaker announcing that he had appointed:

Representatives Arena-DeRosa of Holliston and Kane of Shrewsbury to serve on the Governor's Anti-Hunger Task Force established (under Executive Order 643) to advise the Governor on the development of long-term, sustainable solutions for addressing hunger, food insecurity, and associated economic hardships impacting people, families and communities in Massachusetts; and

Anti-hunger
task force.

Representatives Blais of Deerfield and Lewis of Framingham to serve on the Commission on PILOT for State Owned Land charged (under Executive Order 645) with advising the Governor on potential reforms to the PILOT program.

PILOT for
state owned
land.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4700) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to regulate the use of pesticides in said town. To the committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Truro,—
pesticides.

By Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4701) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Orange be authorized to increase the membership of the board of selectmen of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Orange,—
selectmen.

By Representative Higgins of Leominster and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4702) of Natalie M. Higgins and John J. Cronin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the positions of police lieutenant and police sergeant in the city of Leominster be exempt from the civil service law. To the committee on Public Service.

Leominster,—
Civil service
law exemption.

By Representative Luddy of Orleans and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4703) of Hadley Luddy (by vote of the town) that the town of Truro be authorized to impose a 0.5% real estate transfer fee in said town. To the committee on Revenue.

Truro,—
real estate
transfer fee.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer and Senator Durant, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., that Bradford G. Merkel be authorized to take the state police examination notwithstanding the maximum age requirement.

Bradford
Merkel,—
police exam.

By Representative Sweezey of Duxbury, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth P. Sweezey for legislation to establish a review process of guidelines for managing recreational use of beaches to protect piping plovers, terns and their habitats.

Beach review
process.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth P. Sweezey relative to the Massachusetts Habitat Conservation Plan.

Habitat
conservation.

By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kenneth P. Sweezey relative to over-sand vehicle access and other recreational activities on beaches.

Recreational
beach access.

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

Papers from the Senate.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation validating the proceedings at the Millbury annual town meeting (Senate, No. 2678), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Millbury,—
town
meeting.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor (pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments) recommending legislation to

Plymouth,—
town
meeting.

ratify all acts and proceedings of the representative town meeting held since March 18, 2020 and all acts taken by Plymouth's elected and appointed officials since April 11, 2015 (Senate, No. 2679), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Paul W. Mark for legislation to promote fair tax treatment for zero-emission vehicles, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Revenue.

Zero-emission vehicles,—taxes.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2694) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

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 following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., for legislation to create HVAC construction supervisor licensing. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

HVAC licensing.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Susannah M. Whipps relative to the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Financial Stability Fund. To the committee on Education.

Athol-Royalston school district.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Amy Mah Sangiolo relative to taxes for zero-emission vehicles. To the committee on Revenue.

Zero-emission vehicles.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Amy Tanguay (House, No. 4647). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Amy Tanguay,—sick leave.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

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 tax abatement for permanently disabled veterans (House, No. 3115);

Providing for line-of-duty death benefits for firefighters (House, No. 3188);

Establishing building trades recovery week (House, No. 3358); and

Authorizing Adam T. Jankowski to take the civil service examination for the position of police officer in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4178) [Local Approval Received];

Disabled veterans.
Firefighters.
Building trades.
Haverhill,—
Adam
Jankowski.

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

By Ms. Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, for the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, on House, No. 73, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning internet slander (House, No. 4678) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Internet
slander,—
study.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3296, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning land (House, No. 4679) [Representatives Tyler of Boston and Davis of Great Barrington dissenting].

Land,—
study.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3443, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning land (House, No. 4680) [Representatives Tyler of Boston and Davis of Great Barrington and dissenting].

Id.

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

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. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill creating a special legislative commission to study barriers to job retention for low-income workers (House, No. 2140). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Low-income
workers,—
job retention.

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to teacher pathways and educator diversity (House, No. 624).

Educator
diversity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 599, a Bill relative to LGBTQ+ inclusive framework (House, No. 4665).

LGBTQ+
curriculum.

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, for the committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on a petition, a Bill to promote natural carbon sequestration (House, No. 958) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Natural carbon
sequestration.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill improving air quality in airport environmental justice communities (House, No. 997) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

Air quality,—
airport justice
communities.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1653, a Bill protecting employee free speech (House, No. 4674) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Employee
free speech.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1934, a Bill preventing animal cruelty (House, No. 4675) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Animal
cruelty.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to a four-day work week pilot program (House, No. 2065).

Four-day
work week.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote economic mobility through ESOL (House, No. 2080).

Job training,—
ESOL.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to make data on workforce development outcomes public and accessible (House, No. 2171).

Workforce
development.
Labor rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2086, a Bill protecting labor and abolishing barriers to organizing rights (House, No. 4681).

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 relative to Department of Conservation and Recreation Title IX compliance (House, No. 1068) [Representative Gaskey of Carver dissenting].

DCR,—
Title IX
compliance.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to civil rights (House, No. 1641) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Civil
rights.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1637, a Bill protecting first responders and enhancing access to behavioral health centers (House, No. 4673) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Behavioral
health centers,—
first responders.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 1967, a Bill relative to tort actions for latent diseases (House, No. 4676) [Representatives Berthiaume of Spencer and Sullivan-Almeida of Abington dissenting].

Tort actions,—
latent
diseases.

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill prohibiting employment discrimination based on the legal use of cannabis (House, No. 2179).

Cannabis use,—
employment.

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

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill authorizing the city of Taunton to continue the employment of police chief Edward J. Walsh (House, No. 2810), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting for a second reading.

Taunton,—
Edward
Walsh.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Candy J. Pike, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (see House, No. 4514), 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.

Candy Pike,—
sick leave.

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 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Establishing a special fund for the festival of the hills receipts for the town of Conway (see House, No. 2251);

Bills
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Watertown to lease property located at 124 Watertown street (see House, No. 4205);

Changing the term of the elected office of moderator in the town of Holden (see House, No. 4211); and

Updating the linkage exaction program in the city of Medford (see House, No. 4252);

(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.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill authorizing the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to provide sewer services to a certain parcel of land in the town of Sharon (House, No. 1024, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted in concurrence.

Sharon,—
land.

The Senate Bill authorizing the town of Marblehead to establish fines related to parking violations (Senate, No. 2528), having been 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, in concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Bills

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); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for David A. Russell, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4587) (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.

Third
reading
bills.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jeanne McCarron, an employee of the Registry of Motor Vehicles (House, No. 4624) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Jeanne
McCarron,—
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the registry of motor vehicles, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4624, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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 fifteen 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.