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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.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced students from South Shore Technical High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, national champions in the nursery/landscape career development event at the national convention. They also placed fourth in the nation in the floral career development team event. The chair commended their skill, teamwork and dedication and wished them success.

South Shore
Technical High
School.

The Chair recognized the following team members: Jake Fanceschini; Logan Perrault; Jada Falco; Paul Anderson; Mike Sorrentino; Tommy Guy; Ryan Holmes; and Justin McCann.

The Chair further acknowledged the contributions of their coaches: Tom Hart and Cassi Johnson. They were the guests of Mr. Sweezy of Duxbury.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill providing for the filling of vacancies in the office of district councilor in the city of Boston (Senate, No. 2511) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Boston,—
district
councilor.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2712) of Julian Cyr (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the town of Yarmouth Division of Natural Resources was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Public Service.

Yarmouth,—
natural
resources.

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 protecting local retirees (House, No. 2799);

Relative to non-contiguous farm land (House, No. 3008);

Establishing the fourth Thursday in March as Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day (House, No. 3306); and

To enhance cooperative purchasing opportunities for cities and towns (House, No. 3424);

Local retirees.
Farm land.
Tuskegee
Airmen.

Cooperative
purchasing.

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

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill relative to gambling addiction (House, No. 2416),— 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.

Commission,—
gambling
addiction.

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing community fridges to address food insecurity (House, No. 126).

Community
fridges,—
food insecurity.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the healthy incentives program (House, No. 129).

SNAP,—
healthy incentives.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to fisheries conservation gear grant program (House, No. 1059).

Commercial
fishing gear.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect animal health (House, No. 2319).

Animal
health.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a farm-to-institution pilot program (House, No. 4106, changed in section 1, in line 28, and in section 2, in line 86, by inserting after the word “agriculture”, in each instance, the words “and fisheries”).

Farm-to-
institution
program.

By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, for the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, on a petition, a Bill relative to the equality of wage and recruitment of the Massachusetts State Police (House, No. 2651).

State Police,—
wage and
recruitment.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators (House, No. 2663).

Public safety
telecommunicators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2639 and 2664, a Bill establishing a board of hoisting machinery regulations (House, No. 2664) [Representative Vaughn of Wrentham dissenting].

Hoisting
machinery
regulations.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill relative to reimbursing traveling expenses of governor’s council members (House, No. 3329).

Governor’s
council,—
travel expense.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to release a certain sewer line easement in the West Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4368).

Boston,—
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing and cultural space in the Brighton section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4415) [Local Approval Received].

Boston,—
housing and
cultural space.

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

By Ms. Blais of Deerfield, for the committee on Agriculture and Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill relative to the definition of livestock (House, No. 138).

Livestock,—
definition.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the regulation of nutrient management and fertilizer in the town of Nantucket (House, No. 4437) [Local Approval Received].

Nantucket,—
nutrient
management.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals (House, No. 3307).

Publicly
accessible
buildings.

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

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill relative to vital statistics (see House, No. 4249, amended) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by Her Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
re-enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating September 22 as Military Service Members and Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day (see House, No. 3388, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Authorizing the town of Brookfield to continue the employment of Herbert A. Chaffee, II (see Senate, No. 1830) (which originated in the Senate);

Bills
enacted.

Establishing the position of appointed town clerk in the town of Arlington (see House, No. 4135); and

Providing for a filling of a vacancy in the office of ward 7 councilor in the city of Marlborough (see, House, No. 4170);

(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 tomorrow next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

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