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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.

Silent Tribute.

At the request of Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Sergeant Ian Taylor, who passed away on April 26th, 2024, while on duty with the Billerica Police Department.

Sergeant
Ian Taylor.

With 21 years of law enforcement experience, Ian's dedication began in 2003 with the Lawrence Police Department, continued through the Wilmington Police Department and found its culmination in the Billerica Police Department, where he served as a detective until his passing.

Sergeant Ian Taylor's passing is a great loss for Billerica, he leaves behind his devoted wife Mindy and their loving children Kylee and Nathan. He was the beloved son of Sandy and Dan Crane and retired Lawrence Police Officer Wayne and Lisa Taylor. Sergeant Taylor is also survived by his siblings.

The House of Representatives mourns with the town of Billerica and Ian's family at this time, and we offer our sincerest condolences.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representative Ayers of Quincy and other members of the House) commending the Greater Boston chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals on its recognition of American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day;

Occupational
Health and
Safety Week
and Day.

Resolutions (filed by Representative John Moran of Boston) honoring Doctor Wesley A. Roberts on the occasion of his retirement after forty-four years as pastor of the Peoples Baptist Church of Boston; and

Wesley
Roberts.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Sadosa of Northampton) congratulating the Veterans Affairs Central Western Massachusetts healthcare system's Edward P. Boland Medical Center on its centennial anniversary;

Boland
Medical
Center.

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 the same member, the resolutions (reported by the committee

on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following orders were referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Sunday, June 30, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4621).

Extension of time for committees to make reports.

Order (filed by Mr. Livingstone of Boston) relative to extending until Friday, May 31, 2024 the time within which the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities is authorized to report on current Senate and House documents (House, No. 4622).

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Saturday, June 1, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on current House documents (House, No. 4628).

Order (filed by Mr. Lawn of Watertown) relative to extending until Wednesday, July 3, 2024 the time within which the committee on Health Care Financing is authorized to report on a current House document (House, No. 4629).

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the orders ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lawn of Watertown, the orders were considered forthwith; and they were adopted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petition.

A joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 9) of James C. Arena-DeRosa (by vote of the town) that the town of Sherborn be authorized to establish the North Sherborn Water and Sewer District in said town, was transmitted to the State Secretary, under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the General Laws.

North Sherborn Water and Sewer District.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the charter of the town of Townsend (House, No. 3728) (its title having been changed by the Senate committee on Bills in the Third Reading), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2752. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Townsend,—charter.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2762) of Edward J. Kennedy, Vanna Howard, Rodney M. Elliott and Rady Mom (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to vacancies on the city of Lowell city council and school committee, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Lowell,—vacancies.

A petition of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to provide for certain retirement benefits for the surviving beneficiary of Brandon Arakelian, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Brandon Arakelian,—surviving

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2769) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

spouse.

Reports of Committees.

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 ensuring access to behavioral health services for children involved with state agencies (House, No. 146);

Behavioral health.

Of the Bill increasing diagnostic testing preparedness (House, No. 739, changed);

Diagnostic testing.

Of the Bill regarding credit card surcharging (House, No. 1101);

Credit cards.

Of the Resolve to establish a special commission to evaluate the rate structure for rest homes or residential care homes (House, No. 1233); and

Rest homes,—
rate structure.

Of the Bill relative to lithium-ion batteries (House, No. 3178);

Lithium-ion
batteries.

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

Senate bills

Authorizing the town moderator of the town of Monson to act as an election officer in certain elections (Senate, No. 2500) [Local Approval Received];

Monson,—
moderator.

Amending the charter of the town of Marshfield to make references to the board of selectmen gender neutral (Senate, No. 2715) [Local Approval Received];

Marshfield,—
select board.

Authorizing the city known as the town of Barnstable to change the use of a portion of a certain parcel of land within Mother's Park (Senate, No. 2720) [Local Approval Received]; and

Barnstable,—
Mother's Park.

House bills

Relative to the expansion of the residential tax exemption in the town of Provincetown (printed as Senate, No. 2465) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,—
exemption.

Authorizing the town of Lexington to allow remote participation at town meetings (House, No. 668) [Local Approval Received];

Lexington,—
town meetings.

Authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators (House, No. 804) [Local Approval Received];

Arlington,—
rodenticides.

Relative to the charter of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4091) [Local Approval Received];

Provincetown,—
candidates.

Relative to town meeting vacancy in the town of Burlington (House, No. 4403) [Local Approval Received];

Burlington,—
vacancies.

Directing the city of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Nuias Daveiga (House, No. 4431) [Local Approval Received]; and

Boston,—
Nuias
Daveiga.

Authorizing the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police (House, No. 4465) [Local Approval Received];

Somerville,—
Charles Femino.

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 Senate Nos. 27, 28 and 38 and House Nos. 59, 61, 65, 68, 70, 71, 73, 75, 78, 79, 81, 86 and 3831, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents relative to advanced information technology, the internet and cybersecurity matters (House, No. 4578).

Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity,—study.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House Nos. 3275, 3285, 3397 and 3704, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Transportation to make an investigation and study of certain House documents relative to transit and mobility pricing matters (House, No. 4577).

Transportation,—study.

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. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 928 and House, Nos. 1489 and 1664, a Bill improving medical decision making (House, No. 4597).

Medical decision making.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to soldiers' home eligibility for certain national guard members (House, No. 3496).

Soldiers' home eligibility.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to EMT certification of veterans and military medics (House, No. 3532).

Veterans,—EMT licenses.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a message from Her Excellency the Governor, a Bill honoring, empowering, and recognizing our servicemembers and veterans (printed in House, No. 4172, changed in section 33, in line 222, by striking out the words "to include active duty solely for training purposes,").

Veterans,—benefits.

Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on House, No. 1430, a Bill relative to the examination of evidence rooms and evidentiary procedures (House, No. 4596). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Evidentiary procedures.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on Senate, No. 2451 and House, No. 348, a Bill relative to increasing professional licensure opportunities (House, No. 4602).

Professional licensure opportunities.

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, Nos. 2627 and 2662, a Bill relative to veterans' buyback (House, No. 2627).

Veterans' buybacks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill recognizing Gold Star Families (House, No. 3490).

Gold Star families.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 3491, 3509 and 3523, a Bill increasing the annuity for gold star families (House, No. 3491).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Massachusetts National Guard Museum in Salem (House, No. 3492).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to modernize property tax abatements for veterans (House, No. 3503).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish the Guard enlistment enhancement program (House, No. 3514).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to treating veterans under the pension laws (House, No. 3526).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to headstones for long-serving or perished members of the Massachusetts National Guard (House, No. 3531).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the military family advocacy program, domestic violence and child abuse and neglect (House, No. 3537).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring employers to post information on veterans' benefits and services (House, No. 4021).

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

By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to recognition of the "Honor and Remember" flag in the Commonwealth (House, No. 3498). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Id.

Salem,—
museum.

Veterans,—
tax abatements.

Guard
enlistment.

Veterans,—
pension laws.

National
Guard,—
headstones.

Military
families.

Veterans
benefits,—
notices.

Flag
recognition.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Amending the charter of the town of Rockland (see House, No. 4036); and
Correcting the membership date of North Reading police officer Thomas Romeo in the Middlesex County retirement system (see House, No. 4437);

(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.

Bills
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

To recall elected officials in the town of Manchester-by-the-Sea (printed as Senate, No. 440); and

Relative to the Adams Fire District (House, No. 2031);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading 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 designating a certain bridge as the Lt. David S. Cutler memorial bridge (House, No. 4108), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Marshfield
and Norwell.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Walsh of Peabody moved to amend it by striking out section 3; and 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 a bridge on the North river, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4108, 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 Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At a quarter after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.