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Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

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 Representatives Owens of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Michael J. Driscoll, former Watertown City Manager.

Michael J.
Driscoll.

Michael passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, February 11, after receiving treatment for cancer over the past year. Mr. Driscoll served Watertown for 45 years as a dedicated public servant, including 29 years as city manager, before retiring in 2022. To many in the Town, Mike was known as a tough but fair leader whose top priority was to provide the highest level of services to the citizens of Watertown while utilizing the taxpayers' dollars as efficiently as possible.

He valued his loved ones above all else, wholeheartedly embracing his guiding principle: family, family, family. He leaves behind his beloved wife Jane, his three daughters and one stepdaughter: Amy, Allison, Aileen, and Sarah, and his grandchildren. Michael will be missed by many; he leaves a towering legacy of love and public service. He left a positive mark on Watertown that will be felt for generations.

Guests of the House.

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the House Chamber, members of Cub Scouts – Pack 12, Framingham. At the invitation of the Chair, the Cub Scouts participated in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. They were the guests of Mr. Lewis of Framingham.

Framingham,—
Cub Scouts,
Pack 12.

Communications.

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From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 13D ½ of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2022) submitting a report on minimum rates for behavioral health services provided by community health centers;

Behavioral
health
services.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the MassHealth report on caseload and utilization methodology;

MassHealth,—
methodology.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting the MassHealth Dual Eligibles Initiative report; and

MassHealth,—
dual eligibles.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see item 4000-0300 contained in Section 2 of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2022) submitting its annual Health Safety Net Trust Fund annual report for fiscal year 2022;

Health Net
Safety Trust
Fund.

Severally were placed on file.

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 eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (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.