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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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Grandeur and Strength, we give You praise for the many beautiful sunrises and sunsets our Commonwealth has been enjoying this winter season. We ask you to bless our elected officials in this chamber as they prepare for the first formal legislative session of this year.

Prayer.

We remember that it was on this day in 1764 the Great and General Court of Massachusetts parceled off a part of Newbury to establish the town of Newburyport. Through fishing and shipping the town flourished and became a city in 1852. Its wealthier merchants also benefitted from the triangular trade that brought slaves as well as sugar and molasses for rum production from the West Indies to Massachusetts. Slavery was debated in Newburyport's churches. Eventually native son William Lloyd Garrison helped lead the abolitionist movement in America.

Today Newburyport is noted as a tourist destination with the historic preservation of its federalist architecture.

We pray especially for First Essex Representative James Kelcourse and his staff.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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.

Orders.

Orders (filed this day by Mr. Galvin of Canton) were referred, as follows:

For the adoption of permanent House Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative sessions (House, No. 2019); and

House Rules.

For the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative sessions (House, No. 2021);

Joint Rules.

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

Communication from Representative Malia and Senator Friedman.

A communication from Representative Malia and Senator Friedman was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

January 25, 2019

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 - State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

We would like to request the creation of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. This is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus formed in 1975. The purpose of the caucus is twofold: 1) to enhance the economic status and equality of women, and 2) encourage and support women in all levels of government.

Women's
Legislative
Caucus.

Thank you very much for the opportunity and for your time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Caucus' Executive Director at 617-722-2266 X8433 or by e-mailing Nicole.stephens@mahouse.gov.

Sincerely,

Representative Elizabeth A. Malia
Chair

Senator Cindy F. Friedman
Chair

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation providing for climate change adaptation infrastructure investments in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 10), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Global
warming,—
revenue.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to improving safety on the roads of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 7), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Road
safety.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At five minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.