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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019.**

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Thursday, January 31, 2019.

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:

On this very cold morning, we give thanks, O God for the heat of this workplace and for the many advances in technology that create safe and healthy working climates.

Prayer.

We remember that on this day in 1885 Carroll Wright was appointed the first commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics by President Chester Arthur. A colonel in the Union Army and member of the Massachusetts Senate, Wright previously served as Commissioner of Massachusetts' Bureau of Labor of Statistics, the first state in the nation to have such an office.

As the U.S. Commissioner, Wright headed the bureau for twenty years, developing many of the statistics economists and employers have come to rely upon including the Wholesale Price Index. While serving in this role he also taught statistics and social economics at various universities and was chosen to be president of Clark University in Worcester.

He died in Worcester in 1909.

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.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Nicholas E. Patenaude on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Nicholas  
Patenaude.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peake of Provincetown, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At eight 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.