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Monday, February 4, 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:

Today we lift our joyful voices in a spirit of thanksgiving for the superb efforts of those professional athletes from the town of Foxboro.

Prayer.

On this, the beginning of the legislative session's week *number 6*, we pray for our legislators and their staff who *champion* the cause of *underdogs* and who battle against the odds to ensure *victory*; *passing* whatever *bill* it takes to *win* the hearts and minds of *patriots* throughout this Commonwealth.

May they *craft* legislation that *blocks* injustices and *defends* the welfare of our citizens. May our House members work together as a team to oppose any *tomfoolery* that would try to *ram* through weak offensive schemes and notions.

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.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to making appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 74), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 31.

Supplemental appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## *Special Recognition.*

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Representatives Chan of Quincy, Mom of Lowell, Nguyen of Andover, Robinson of Framingham, Schmid of Westport and Wong of Saugus paid tribute to the members of the Asian community of the Commonwealth on the occasion of Lunar New Year, as follows:

Asian Lunar New Year.

"On Tuesday, February 5th, the new year of the lunar calendar begins. It will be the 4,716th year and is the second longest continuous calendar in the world. Many Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Laotian, celebrate the lunar New Year as a time to spend with family sharing happiness and good fortune. In Vietnamese, it is Tết Nguyên Đán and in Korean it is Eumnyeok Seollal.

The lunar calendar is set in 12 year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This coming year is the year of the Pig, the last animal of the 12 year cycle. Pigs are symbols of wealth and good fortune. The expectation is that people born in the year of the Pig are careful with their money, motivated to work hard and find ways to excel professionally, and enjoy whatever life brings them.”

*Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Clark Taylor on the occasion of his eighty-fifth birthday, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Clark  
Taylor.

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

*Communication from Representative Robinson of Framingham.*

A communication from Representative Robinson of Framingham was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—  
January 29, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I would like to request the creation of the Clean Energy Caucus. The caucus aims to create a statewide dialogue on climate change and its effects, the public ramifications of a warming world, and the economic development potential of clean energy. Our future depends on addressing climate change and global warming with a sense of urgency. The Clean Energy Caucus will hold legislative briefings to educate themselves and the public on how we can eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels to transition to a 100% clean energy future.

Clean Energy  
Caucus.

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-722-2425 or by e-mailing [Shannon.alessandroni@mahouse.gov](mailto:Shannon.alessandroni@mahouse.gov)

Sincerely,  
MARIA ROBINSON  
*State Representative*  
Sixth Middlesex District

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

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At ten minutes 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.