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Thursday, February 7, 2019.

Met at nine minutes after 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 Creation and Re-creation, we give thanks today for the many creative persons who have made Massachusetts their home over the years.

Prayer.

Saturday February 9 will mark the 1895 anniversary of the invention of volleyball in Holyoke.

Just four years after basketball was invented in nearby Springfield, the sports director of the YMCA in Holyoke, William Morgan was looking for a less strenuous sport for the middle-aged men who were members of his local Y. He came up with a sport he called Mintonette, but was soon re-named volleyball. Originally he devised the rules to allow each team of nine players to hit the ball as many times as they needed before the ball went over the net.

The rules of the indoor sport evolved as it spread through the YMCA system. The Y brought volleyball equipment to the soldiers overseas in World War I for recreation and soon the world was playing the new sport. Volleyball became an Olympic sport in the 1964 games in Tokyo. Holyoke's Volleyball Hall of Fame was created in 1987.

Bless our legislators today, especially 5th Hampden District Representative Aaron Vega 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.

Appointment to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Biele of Boston to the permanent commission established (under Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) on the future of the metropolitan beaches.

Metropolitan
beaches.

Statement of Representative Miranda of Boston.

A statement of Ms. Miranda of Boston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Wednesday, January 30 due to an urgent medical concern that resulted in my overnight hospitalization. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason

Statement
concerning
Ms. Miranda
of Boston.

stated.

*Communication from Senators Cyr and Hinds and
Representatives Keefe of Worcester and Peake of Provincetown.*

A communication from Senators Cyr and Hinds and Representatives Keefe of Worcester and Peake of Provincetown was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

January 29, 2019

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

Honorable Michael D. Hurley
Clerk of the State Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Clerk James and Clerk Hurley,

We would like to request approval for the establishment of the Legislative Cultural Caucus. The purpose of this bicameral, bipartisan Caucus is to build awareness for the power of the arts, culture, and creativity in the Commonwealth. The Caucus will consist of legislative leaders on arts policy and works to build public will in support of arts and culture among the Legislature and their constituents. Members of the Caucus believe arts and culture build vibrant communities, power and economy, and support student achievement, and make Massachusetts a more diverse and equitable place to live.

Cultural
Caucus.

Our hope is that the Cultural Caucus can support Massachusetts' creative sector through public education and legislative action. We will provide members access to the latest research, education, and policy developments in the arts and cultural sector.

We thank you for your consideration and support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Representative Mary S. Keefe
Cultural Caucus Co-Chair

State Senator Julian Cyr
Cultural Caucus Co-Chair

Representative Sarah K. Peake
Cultural Caucus Vice-Chair

State Senator Adam G. Hinds
Cultural Caucus Vice-Chair

Communication from Senator deMacedo.

A communication from Senator deMacedo was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

January 31, 2019

Honorable Michael D. Hurley

Honorable Steven T. James

Clerk of the State Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Messrs. Clerks,

I would like to request the creation of the Law Enforcement Caucus. The purpose of the caucus will be to have an opportunity to discuss the needs and challenges of our Commonwealth's law enforcement officers. My hope is that creating a bi-partisan, bi-cameral legislative caucus, including input from law enforcement officers and agencies from across the Commonwealth, we as a legislative body can better help support and respond to the needs of those who sacrifice so much to protect our communities.

Law
Enforcement
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 617-722-1330 or by e-mailing Lucas.Patenaude@masenate.gov

Sincerely,
Senator Vinny deMacedo
Plymouth and Barnstable

*Communication from Senators Gobi and Hinds and
Representatives Mark of Peru and Peake of Provincetown.*

A communication from Senators Gobi and Hinds and Representatives Mark of Peru and Peake of Provincetown was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

February 1, 2019

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

Honorable Michael D. Hurley
Clerk of the State Senate
State House, Room 335
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Clerk James and Clerk Hurley,

We request approval for the establishment of the Legislative Rural Caucus for the 2019-2020 legislative session. The purpose of this bicameral, bipartisan Caucus is to build awareness of and advocate for policies critical to the welfare and vitality of rural communities located throughout the Commonwealth. The Caucus will consist of legislators who represent rural communities; will collaborate with the Massachusetts Rural Policy Advisory Commission and our regional and municipal partners to build support for a strong rural agenda.

Rural
Caucus.

Our hope is that the Rural Caucus will support Massachusetts' smallest communities through public education and legislative action. We will provide members access to the latest research, education, and policy developments that are beneficial to rural towns.

We thank you for your consideration and support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam G. Hinds
Rural Caucus Senate Co-Chair

Senator Anne M. Gobi
Rural Caucus Senate Co-Chair

Representative Sarah K. Peake
Rural Caucus House Co-Chair

Representative Paul W. Mark
Rural Caucus House Co-Chair

Petition.

Mr. Vitolo of Brookline presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tommy Vitolo and Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Pamela Gellar, an employee of the Department of Children and Families; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Pamela
Gellar,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules and the temporary committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the temporary committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, reported on the foregoing petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pamela Gellar, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 75), which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Vitolo of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been certified by the House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Pamela Gellar, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see House, No. 75), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Pamela
Gellar,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday

Next

next at eleven o'clock A.M.

sitting.

Representative Murphy of Weymouth then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Robert B. Ambler, a member of the House from Weymouth from 1965 to 1990, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at one minute before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.