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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 Justice and Equality we give You thanks for the efforts of our Commonwealth's ancestors who over the years have sought to bring equality to all citizens.

Prayer.

We pray for our elected members of this chamber today as they continue to engage this issue in their public and private lives. Today marks the anniversary of the 1802 birth in Medford of Lydia Maria Child. Maria Child was an abolitionist, an activist for women's rights and Native American rights as well.

But for all her activism, Child is best remembered for her poem "The New England Boy's Song About Thanksgiving Day" that became the song "Over the River and Through the Woods."

The Grandfather House of the poem still sits near the Mystic River but the woods in the poem have long been replaced by residential and commercial development.

We pray today especially for Medford's Representatives Christine Barber, Sean Garballey, and Paul Donato.

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.

Special Recognition.

During the Session, the Chair (Mr. Donato), declared a brief recess and, on behalf of Speaker DeLeo and other members of the House, congratulated the New England Patriots, as follows:

New England Patriots.

"We would like to congratulate the New England Patriot on their 13-3 defeat of the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl 53. Playing in their record 11th Super Bowl, the Patriots now stand alone with a league record 37 playoff victories and tied for Super Bowl wins with 6. The Patriots lived up to their "Everything We Got" slogan for the 2019 playoff run to bring the region its 12th championship since 2000. Again, congratulations to the New England Patriots on a historic victory and unforgettable season."

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation

Sexually explicit visual

relative to the harmful distribution of sexually explicit visual material (House, No. 76), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, February 7.

material.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess, and introduced members and staff of 3L Place in Somerville who were seated in the Fourth Division. 3L Place empowers young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities to reach their individual potential, to follow their passion, and to live meaningful lives in the community. They were the guests of Ms. Barber of Somerville.

Somerville,—
3L Place.

Communication from Representative González of Springfield.

A communication from Representative González of Springfield was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

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

Re: 191st General Court Caucus Reestablishment

Mr. Clerk,

I write to you today to request the reestablishment of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus for the 191st General Court. This is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus formed in 1973 with the following mission:

Black and
Latino
Legislative
Caucus.

To define, highlight and analyze those issues and concerns affecting people of color in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Caucus shall seek to develop a sense of political awareness among its constituents and to make the political and legislative process accountable and accessible for those who have been disenfranchised.

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 Lucas DeBarrows by phone at 617-722-2688 x8161 or by e-mail at Lucas.DeBarros@mahouse.gov.

Sincerely,

Representative Carlos González, Chair
10th Hampden District

Communication from Senator Eldridge and Representative Keefe of Worcester.

A communication from Senator Eldridge and Representative Keefe of Worcester 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 Criminal Justice Reform Caucus, formerly known as the Harm Reduction & Drug Law Reform Caucus in previous General Courts. Since its founding in 2013, the purpose of this bicameral, bipartisan Caucus is to build a coalition of legislators who are working to address the root causes and symptoms of mass incarceration through comprehensive policy reform, education, and coalition building.

Criminal
Justice
Reform
Caucus.

Our hope is that the Criminal Justice Reform Caucus will continue educating legislators and staff on the critical need for changes in our criminal legal system, building off the momentum of the Criminal Justice Reform Act signed into law in April 2018.

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
Criminal Justice Reform Caucus
Co-Chair

State Senator James B. Eldridge
Criminal Justice Reform Caucus
Co-Chair

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Bruce E. Tarr and David Allen Robertson for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Tiffany Gibb, an employee at Tewksbury State Hospital, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the temporary committee on Senate Rules.

Tiffany
Gibb,—
sick leave.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 20) was referred, in concurrence, to the temporary committee on Senate Rules.

Subsequently, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Gibb, an employee at Tewksbury Hospital (Senate, No. 20, amended in line 1 by striking out the word “Public” and inserting in place thereof the word “mental”) (on the foregoing petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, 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, in concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Tiffany Gibb, an employee at Tewksbury Hospital (see Senate, No. 20, amended), 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.

Tiffany
Gibb,—
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 3 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 Senate) 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 Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.