

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Kafka of Stoughton in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. Loving God, on this important week in our nation's history, we ask You to bless the women and men of this Chamber whose efforts to promote the welfare of our Commonwealth are always in need of Your assistance.

We thank You for the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who 65 years ago this month came to live among us here in Boston and while studying at Boston University met his wife Coretta Scott, a voice student at the New England Conservatory.

We are grateful for Dr. King's efforts to help our country overcome racial injustice and to promote non-violence while fighting for human rights and other noble causes.

May the members of the House of Representatives continue Dr. King's legacy through their legislative efforts.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Kafka), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Silent Prayer.

David C. Malcolm. At the request of Mr. Collins of Boston, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of David C. Malcolm of South Boston, a veteran who served his country proudly in the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Marine Corps. Upon returning home, Mr. Malcolm continued serving his community as a firefighter.

He is survived by his wife, Maryellen (Frane) Malcolm, and his children, Julie Malcolm, Jill Lawler and David Malcolm, and his grandchildren, Dylan, Deliah, Noah, Juliana, Grace, Jack, David, Molly and Owen.

Members-elect to be Qualified.

Representatives-elect Denise C. Garlick of Needham, Paul Heroux of Attleboro and Denise Provost of Somerville,—qualification. The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Haddad of Somerset, Barber of Somerville and Tucker of Salem as a special committee of the House to conduct Representatives-elect Denise C. Garlick of Needham, member-elect from the Thirteenth Norfolk District, Paul Heroux of Attleboro, member-elect from the Second Bristol District and Denise Provost of Somerville, member-elect from the Twenty-seventh Middlesex District, to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

A communication from the Department of Higher Education (see Section 218 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the year three interim report of the STEM Starter Academy, was placed on file. STEM Starter Academy.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Office of the Comptroller (under Section 12(c) of Chapter 7A of the General Laws) submitting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016; Annual Financial Report.

Of the District Attorney of Hampden County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016; and Hampden County,—wiretaps.

Of the District Attorney of Norfolk County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016. Norfolk County,—wiretaps.

Severally were placed on file.

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 seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.