

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 30, 2017.

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.

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

Prayer. God of Meaning and Purpose; God of Beauty and Depth, we give You thanks for this day and we pray for the men and women who work in and through this House and other government branches.

This week we remember a man who attended public schools in Salem and Lawrence and who went on to become a beloved poet of New England and throughout the world.

Yesterday marked the anniversary of the death of Robert Frost who died in 1963. After the death of his father in California, his mother moved 11-year-old Robert and his siblings back to Massachusetts.

It was in Lawrence High School that Frost published his very first poem. It appeared in the school's newspaper. It was around that time that he also fell in love with his co-valedictorian, Elinor White, who later became his wife.

Robert Frost knew tragedy in life burying four of his six children. He also suffered from bouts of depression throughout his lifetime.

He taught for a time at Amherst College and the library there is named after him and so we pray today that we remember Robert Frost's words — "Something there is that doesn't love a wall; that wants it down". May the efforts of our lawmakers succeed in knocking down unnecessary walls of division in our beloved land.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance. 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.

### Message from the Governor — Veto.

Public officials compensation,—veto. A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill further regulating the compensation of certain public officials [see House, No. 58, amended] (for message, see House, No. 69) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 27. The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting, the question being on passing said bill, notwithstanding the said objections.

### Communications from Representative Garlick of Needham.

The following communications were read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 27, 2017.

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

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Election of House Speaker

Dear Mr. Clerk,

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While I have since made a full recovery, I regret that I was unable to be present to vote in the election of the House Speaker. Had I been present, I would have voted for Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop for Speaker of the House.

Sincerely,

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### Report.

A report of the District Attorney of the Northwestern District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2016, was placed on file.

Northwestern District Attorney,—wiretaps.

### Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.