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Thursday, February 1, 2018.

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 Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Care and Protection, we ask You to watch over the many citizens of Massachusetts today and to guide our elected officials in their work on behalf of their constituents.

Prayer.

It was on this day in 1866, on an icy sidewalk in the city of Lynn, that Mary Baker Eddy slipped and hit her head. Her injury was reported by the local newspaper to be life-threatening.

Eddy came to experience that it was prayer and faith that led to her healing. Living in a time when snake oil salesmen and marginal medical procedures were the rule of the day, Mary Baker Eddy came to see the need to "reestablish primitive Christianity with its lost art of healing". She went on to found the Church of Christ Scientist in Boston that eventually included her own publishing company, newspaper, and religious educational system.

A religious organization founded by a woman was quite rare in 19th century America and the church is a tribute to her strength and conviction. Today one can visit the "Mother Church" here in Boston.

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.

Statement of Representative Rogers of Norwood.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood 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 called away from the formal session of January 31, 2018, due to an urgent district matter. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative of Roll Call 308 on Amendment 1 to H. 4160; and also in the affirmative on Roll Call 309 on passing to be engrossed H.4160. My missing of roll calls yesterday was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of

Celeste LaChance.

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Seekonk) congratulating Celeste LaChance on the occasion of her retirement;	
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Haddad of Somerset and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Robert C. Sampson, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement;	Robert Sampson.
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Mark Gerard Fitzpatrick on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;	Mark Fitzgerald.
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Kyle Parker Heaney on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;	Kyle Heaney.
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Patrick Edward O'Connor on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;	Patrick O'Connor.
Resolutions (filed by Representatives Dooley of Norfolk and Garlick of Needham) congratulating Evan William Sepe on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and	Evan Sepe.
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Vega of Holyoke, Finn of West Springfield, Scibak of South Hadley, Velis of Westfield and Wagner of Chicopee) congratulating Priscilla LeBeau Chalmers upon the occasion of her retirement;	Priscilla Chalmers.
Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.	

Communication.

A communication from Worcester Regional Transit Authority (see Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements and auditors' report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was placed on file.	Worcester Regional Transit.
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Reports.

Reports	
Of the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for the calendar year 2017;	Northwestern District,— wiretaps.
Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2010) relative to divestment from Iran restricted securities;	Iran,— divestment.
Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities; and	Sudan,— divestment.
Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (see Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) submitting a report listing all tobacco related investments and their book value as of December 1, 2017.	PRIM,— tobacco.
Severally were placed on file.	

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

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By Representative McMurtry of Dedham and Senator Rush, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4161) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town; and

Dedham,—
liquor license.

By the same members, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4164) of Paul McMurtry and Michael F. Rush (by vote of the town) that the town of Dedham be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to firearms furnished through the civilian marksmanship program.

Firearms,—
marksmanship
program.

By Messrs. Whelan of Brewster and Tucker of Salem, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan, Paul F. Tucker and others for legislation to further regulate certain opioids or any derivative thereof.

Opioid
regulation.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to electric signatures for town warrants (House, No. 2418);

Electric signatures.

Relative to the town manager of the town of Upton (House, No. 4121) [Local Approval Received]; and

Upton,—
town manager.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jason Dobson, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4139);

Jason
Dobson,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Barber of Somerville, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2759) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to reimbursement for personal injuries or property damage from defective ways,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Defective
ways.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill instructing the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game to study the feasibility of repurposing the former Moon Island Sewage Treatment Plant for the purposes of fish and shellfish farms (House, No. 398).

Moon Island
sewage
treatment plant,—
repurpose.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to underground storage tanks (House, No. 428).

Underground
storage tanks.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill reducing packaging waste in the Commonwealth (House, No. 447).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reduce solid waste and provide universal recycling access (House, No. 448).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to promote regionalization with watershed based permitting (House, No. 2118).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to establish a commercial fishing permit bank in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (House, No. 2124).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to proactively protecting automotive drivers (House, No. 1817).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to low digit number plates on leased vehicles (House, No. 1830).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to improve recycling along our state highways (House, No. 1903).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to aviation preservation restrictions (House, No. 2735).

Severally read; and referred under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill providing for the establishment of sustainable water resource funds (House, No. 2116).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to shellfishing permits for veterans (House, No. 4117).

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill to increase safety on public ways (House, No. 1819).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to motorcycle inspections (House, No. 1831).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to train culverts in the town of Lynnfield (House, No. 1852) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill related to hayrides (House, No. 4105).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Packaging waste.

Waste and recycling.

Watershed permitting.

Fishing,— permit bank.

Drivers,— special identification.

License plates.

Highways,— recycling.

Aviation,— lands preservation.

Sustainable water resources,— funds.

Veterans,— shellfishing permits.

Towing,— public ways.

Motorcycles,— safety inspections.

Lynnfield,— train culverts.

Hayrides.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Establishing the appointed office of town clerk in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4077);

Establishing the appointed office of tree warden in the town of Ayer (House, No. 4078); and

Relative to the funding of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in the Town of Northbridge (House, No. 4084);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third reading bills.

The House Bill establishing a revolving fund for a school learning lab within a vocational-technical program operated by public schools in the town of Westborough (House, No. 3992) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Westborough,—
fund.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1 by adding the following sentence: “An annual report, which shall include projects undertaken, expenditures made and income received by the fund, shall be submitted to the school committee of the town of Westborough not later than December 31 and the school committee shall vote to accept the report.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3992, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a special fund in the town of Westborough (House, No. 4028), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Id.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 3 by adding the following sentence: “An annual report, which shall include projects undertaken, expenditures made and income received by the fund, shall be submitted to the board of selectmen of the town of Westborough not later than December 31 and the board of selectmen shall vote to accept the report.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4028, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (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.