

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Monday, February 6, 2017.

Met at eight minutes after 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).

### *Prayer.*

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

God of Persistence, God of Hope — we pray today for the members of our legislature. Today we celebrate and honor the historic achievement of our own modern day Patriots. Just when our hopes were deflated, we witnessed a performance of super proportions. May the members of this House be emboldened to champion seemingly lost causes and to persevere in their team efforts to craft just legislation and to promote bills that are creative and strategic. May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Prayer.

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.

Pledge of allegiance.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury) commending the New England District of the National Speech and Debate Association on its recognition of March 3, 2017 as National Speech and Debate Education Day, were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

National  
Speech and  
Debate  
Education  
Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, the resolutions (certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Communications.*

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From the Dukes County Registry of Deeds (see Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its plan for expenditure for technological improvements from the County Registers Technological Fund [copies of the report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law]; and

Dukes  
County,—  
technology  
funds.

From the Springfield Parking Authority (see Section 15 of Chapter 674 of the Acts of 1981) submitting its audit report for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015;

Springfield  
Parking  
Authority.

Several were placed on file.

### *Report.*

The semi-annual report of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 5I(d) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting its

EBT  
program,—  
violations, etc.

enforcement and violations report of direct cash assistance within the Electronic Benefit Transfer Program, was placed on file.

*Recess.*

Recess.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at the hour of two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Kafka in the Chair.

*Order.*

Next  
sitting.

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.

Ms. Whipps of Athol then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of H. Thomas Colo, a member of the House from Athol from 1965 to 1978, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at one minute after two o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Whipps (Mr. Kafka of Stoughton being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.