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Thursday, February 8, 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).

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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Decker of Cambridge) congratulating Sandra Albano on her retirement;

Sandra  
Albano.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth) congratulating Mary Hill Tucker on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Mary  
Tucker.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lewis of Framingham) commending WACA-TV on its recognition of October 20, 2017 as Community Media Day;

Community  
media day.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Linksy of Natick and Crocker of Barnstable) recognizing March 2, 2018 as National Speech and Debate Education Day;

Speech and  
Debate Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Salvator Victor Balkus on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Salvator  
Balkus.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Daniel Joseph Hickey on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Daniel  
Hickey.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Samuel Edward Molloy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Samuel  
Molloy.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Seamus William Reardon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Seamus  
Reardon.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Daniel Blaise Schratz on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Daniel  
Schratz.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Tucker of Salem) recognizing Doctor Henry Mejia Oviedo's visit to the Commonwealth in celebration of Dominican Independence Day;

Henry  
Oviedo.

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. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Catastrophic Illness in Children Fund Commission (see Section 11 of

Catastrophic illness  
fund commission.

Chapter 111K of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for fiscal year 2016;

From the Department of Youth Services (see Section 22 of Chapter 120 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for calendar year 2016; and

From the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (see item 0340-2100 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017) submitting the annual report on the prosecution statistics of the district attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2017;

From the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (under Section 15 of Chapter 231 of the General Laws) submitting the 2017 annual report and audit [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means and Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, as required by said law];

From the Massachusetts Trial Court Office of Community Corrections (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting a report of the utilization of community corrections centers for fiscal year 2017; and

From the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds (under Section 2KKK of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting an initial plan for technological improvements at said registry [copies of said communication referred to the committees on Ways and Means and Post Audit and Oversight, as required by said law];

Severally were placed on file.

Transformative development.

Massachusetts District Attorneys Association.

Life Sciences Center.

Community corrections.

Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

*Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) for the calendar year 2017, was placed on file.

Department of Public Utilities.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A report of the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1821) of Michael J. Barrett, Frank I. Smizik, Carmine L. Gentile, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation to combat climate change,— and recommending the same be referred to the Senate committee on Global Warming and Climate Change,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

Climate change.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1903) of Michael D. Brady, Michelle M. DuBois, Viriato M. deMacedo, Elizabeth A. Poirier and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance child passenger safety,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Children,— passenger safety.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2294) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Denise Provost, Christine P. Barber and Mike Connolly (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to the membership of the licensing commission and board of election commissioners of the city of Somerville, was

Somerville,— commission membership.

referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill providing the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (printed in House, No. 4147), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonding,—  
terms.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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:

Designating the month of October as adopt a shelter dog month (House, No. 1653);

Shelter dog  
month.

Designating Concord Road in the town of Westford as the Colonel John Robinson memorial highway (House, No. 2718); and

Westford,—  
highway.

Designating certain bridges in the city known as the town of Barnstable as the first responders appreciation overpasses (House, No. 4152);

Barnstable,—  
bridges.

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

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill relative to expanding access to high quality early education in Boston (House, No. 3759) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Boston,—  
early  
education.

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to provide equal access to evaluations for children with disabilities (House, No. 2866).

Disabilities,—  
evaluations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to improving teacher preparation and certification (House, No. 2873).

Teachers,—  
certification.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House Nos. 320, 2013, 2060, 2061, 2838, 2843, 2874 and 3551, a Bill ensuring high quality early education (House, No. 2874).

Early  
education.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2049, a Bill providing transportation to recovery high schools (House, No. 4224).

Recovery  
high schools.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2847, a Bill relative to testing requirements for veterans who wish to become educators (House, No. 4225).

Veterans,—  
educator  
testing.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, Nos.

Estate  
tax.

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1509, 1523, 1595 and 1669 and House, Nos. 1510, 1580 and 3626, a Bill relative to the Massachusetts estate tax code (House, No. 4210).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1520 and House, No. 3334, a Bill protecting the interests of housing cooperative shareholders (House, No. 4211).

Housing  
cooperatives,—  
shareholders.

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

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Revenue, on Senate, No. 1559, a Bill authorizing cities and towns to increase the local tax rate on meals (House, No. 4212) [Representative Garry of Dracut dissenting].

Meals,—  
local tax.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Lee as the Louis J. Digrigoli bridge (House, No. 4156, changed in section 1, in line 2, and also in line 3, by striking out the words “Louis J. Digrigoli” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words “Lou DiGrigoli”).

Lee,—  
DiGrigoli  
bridge.

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

*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.

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At seventeen 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.