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Tuesday, March 6, 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.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth and other members of the House) supporting the funding for the National Sea Grant college program, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

National Sea  
Grant college  
program.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, 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.

## *Communications.*

### Communications

From the Division of Health Professions Licensure (see Section 3B of Chapter 7 of the General Laws) providing notice of new fees for community health worker certification;

Community  
health  
workers.

From the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (see Section 18¾ of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the biennial report on statistics related to firearms crimes, arrests and prosecutions of firearms-related offenses, the effectiveness of firearms-related regulations, aggregate data on the source of firearms that have been confiscated and identified as being used in a crime or in an attempted or completed suicide during the report period and other related matters;

Firearms,—  
crime, etc.  
statistics.

From the Massachusetts Food Policy Council (see Section 6C of Chapter 20 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report, including attachments, on the priorities from the council's ongoing work related to the Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan; and

Food Policy  
Council.

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

Norfolk County  
Registry of  
Deeds,—  
technology  
report.

Severally were placed on file.

## *Matter Taken from the Files.*

On motions of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the special report of the Counsel to the House of Representatives (as authorized under House order No. 3983) submitting recommendations for updating the structures, policies, procedures and operations of the human resources function for the House of Representatives, including those that relate to ensuring a workplace free of sexual harassment and retaliation (House, No. 4263), was taken from the files; and, on motion of the same member, it was referred to the committee on Rules.

House of  
Representatives,—  
human resource  
policies.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A Bill relative to the charter of the town of Sutton (Senate, No. 1131, amended in line 162 by striking out the figure: “4” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “3”, in lines 211 and 212 by striking out the following: “50 per cent of the total number of persons who voted at the most recent annual town election” and inserting in place thereof the following: “20 per cent of the qualified voters of the town as of the date that the affidavit was filed with the town clerk.”; and in lines 336 and 337 by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “Three members shall be elected by the voters, 1 member shall be a tenant of the housing authority appointed by the board of selectmen and 1 member shall be appointed by the department of housing and community development.”) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Sutton,—  
charter.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 640 and 2225, a Bill relative to strengthening and expanding affordable, quality higher education opportunities for residents of the Commonwealth (House, No. 640). Read; and referred, under Rule 17G, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Expanding  
education.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 1191 and House, No. 439, a Bill relative to the disclosure of toxic chemicals in children’s products (House, No. 439, changed in line 19 by striking out the words “or commercial”; and in line 114 by striking out the word “July” and inserting in place thereof the word “December”).

Toxic  
chemicals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2120, a Bill relative to the control of tick-borne illness (House, No. 4275).

Tick-borne  
illness.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Higher Education, on House, Nos. 634, 2995 and 2999, a Bill creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities (House, No. 4286).

Education  
opportunities.

By Ms. Hogan of Stow, for the committee on Public Health, on House, No. 1191, a Bill relative to expanding access to healthy food choices in vending machines on state property (House, No. 4281).

Healthy  
food.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3243, a Bill to amend the lead law to include water piping (House, No. 4282).

Lead  
law.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3249, a Bill relative to HIV screening and prevention (House, No. 4283).

HIV  
screening.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on Senate, No. 492 and House, Nos. 465, 466 and 467, a Bill relative to the conservation of Atlantic striped bass (House, No. 4274). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Striped bass,—  
conservation.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to reform the Toxic Use Reductions Act (House, No. 2934, changed in lines 11, 25 and 26 by striking out the word “six” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word “four”).

Toxic use  
reduction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 440, a Bill establishing a green banks program (House, No. 4273).

Green  
banks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2152, a Bill relative to a cranberry wetland mitigation bank (House, No. 4276).

Cranberry  
wetlands.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, Nos. 2916 and 2917, a Bill establishing a special commission on municipal solid waste (House, No. 4277).

Solid  
waste.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2930, a Bill relative to wood pellet fuel (House, No. 4278).

Pellet  
fuel.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3561, a Bill relative to the importation of animals for rescue, shelter, foster, adoption or remote sale (House, No. 4279).

Shelter  
animals.

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 2163 and House, No. 3902, a Bill establishing the Cape Cod water protection trust (House, No. 4280).

Cape Cod  
water.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on House, No. 4075, a Bill to promote housing choices (House, No. 4290) [Representative Tyler of Boston dissenting].

Housing  
choices.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3976, a Bill authorizing the town of Lynnfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (House, No. 4289) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Lynnfield,—  
alcoholic  
beverages.

### *Engrossed Bills.*

#### Engrossed bills

Authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the town collector (see Senate, No. 2114); and

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the board of selectmen of Hardwick to appoint the town treasurer (see Senate, No. 2115);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting

Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.*

House bills

Increasing the maximum age to be eligible for appointment as a special police officer in the city of Somerville (House, No. 4085); and

Third  
reading  
bills.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Essie Page, an employee of the Parole Board (House, No. 4245) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally 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 Friday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Friday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.