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Met at eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Moran of Boston 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 Justice and Truth, we look forward to the celebration of our state holiday this upcoming Monday, Patriot's Day.

Prayer.

As we look back in gratitude for the brave men and women of colonial times, we recognize the need for our own vigilance and promotion of freedom and fairness.

We ask Your Blessing O God upon our Commonwealth as we continue to strive to be the leader among the fifty states in defending liberty and promoting justice.

We recognize our own individual and collective failures when it comes to our effort to live out the meaning of a Commonwealth, a state that seeks the good and welfare for all its citizens.

We are spurred on by the memory of the brave actions taken by our ancestors of Lexington and Concord to continue the battle for freedom and human rights.

We ask Your blessing upon the people from all over the globe who will visit our Commonwealth this weekend; and we pray for the health and safety of all who will participate in the Boston Marathon on Monday, those running and those volunteering or cheering on runners.

May the Spirit of Massachusetts find a home in the hearts of all residents and visitors at this holiday time.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Moran of Boston), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Statement Concerning Representative Walsh of Framingham.

A statement of Mr. Rushing of Boston concerning Mr. Walsh of Framingham 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 one of our colleagues, Representative Walsh of Framingham, was unable to be present in the House Chamber for yesterday's sitting, due to the scheduling of treatment at Dana Faber. Had he been present for the taking of yea and nay numbered 325, he would have voted in the affirmative. His missing of that roll call was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement concerning Mr. Walsh of Framingham.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrows of Mansfield and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Ryan Eykel on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;	Ryan Eykel.
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrows of Mansfield and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating John Goebel on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;	John Goebel.
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrows of Mansfield and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Gregory Golden on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;	Gregory Golden.
Resolutions (filed by Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen and other members of the House) recognizing foster kids in the Commonwealth;	Foster children.
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Hecht of Watertown, Muradian of Grafton, Rogers of Cambridge, Miceli of Wilmington and Lawn of Watertown) commemorating the occasion of the 2018 Armenian Genocide at the State House on April 20;	Alin Grigorian.
Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Hecht of Watertown, Muradian of Grafton, Rogers of Cambridge, Miceli of Wilmington and Lawn of Watertown) commemorating the occasion of the 2018 Armenian Genocide at the State House on Friday, April 20; and	Rupen Janbazian.
Resolutions (filed by Mr. Lombardo of Billerica and other members of the House) recognizing May 1-7, 2018 Elks National Youth Week;	Elks National Youth Week.

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. Stanley of Waltham, 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 the State Retiree Benefits Trust (“HST”) Board (under Section 24(f) of Chapter 32A of the General Laws) submitting the approved budget for said board for the fiscal year 2019 [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means and the committee on Public Service], was placed on file.	Retiree Benefits Trust Board,— budget.
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Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:	
By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio, Bruce J. Ayers and Brian M. Ashe relative to the online advertising of pet care services.	Pet care,— advertising.
By the same member, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and others that the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish a task force to investigate best practices for alcohol and drug free housing.	Sober homes.
Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.	

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 4367, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2409. Municipal roads and bridges.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Messrs. Straus, Kulik of Worthington and Muradian of Grafton were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined. Committee of conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Boncore, Keenan and Tran had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate. Id.

Bills

Increasing parking fines in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2223) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; Gloucester,— parking fines.

Ratifying the adoption of the charter of the town of Abington (printed in Senate, No. 2278) (on a message from His Excellency the Governor); Abington,— charter.

Further regulating the membership of the licensing commission and the board of election commissioners of the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 2294) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and Somerville,— commissions.

Authorizing the town of Westport to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2303) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; Westport,— liquor license.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sara Parmenter, an employee of the department of corrections [sic] (House, No. 4354), be scheduled for consideration by the House. Sara Parmenter,— sick leave.

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

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Financial Services, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain genetically targeted drug coverage for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (House, No. 3644). Drug coverage.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the provision of health insurance and other benefits in the town of Huntington (House, No. 4308) [Local Approval Received]. Huntington,— health insurance.

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

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3361, a Bill establishing a special commission to investigate and study the feasibility and effects of collecting disaggregate data (House, No. 4408) [Senator Tran dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Asian
Americans,—
data study.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to paint recycling (House, No. 4136).

Paint,—
recycling.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain affordable housing in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4288) [Local Approval Received].

Roxbury,—
housing.

By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to the creative economy (House, No. 1043).

Employees,—
define.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to making a technical correction to public construction threshold (House, No. 1044).

Public
construction.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to clarify reimbursement of workers compensation insurers to prevent double recovery by injured workers in third party cases (House, No. 2362).

Workers
compensation.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prohibit [sic] contract provisions requiring subcontractors to assume liability for negligence of others (House, No. 2369).

Subcontractors,—
liability.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill protecting the employment benefits of Civil Air Patrol and Coast Guard Auxiliary members (House, No. 2370).

Employment
benefits.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to prevailing wages (House, No. 2373).

Prevailing
wages.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to unemployment insurance (House, No. 2376).

Unemployment
insurance.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill relative to wireless transmissions from motor vehicles (House, No. 1773).

Wireless
transmissions.

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 [sic] the boardwalk at Heritage State Park in the city of Fall River shall be designated and known as the Robert Correia Boardwalk, in honor of former State Representative Robert Correia (House, No. 4166).

Fall River,—
Correia
boardwalk.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill repealing a certain act increasing the expenditure limit on revolving funds in the city of Attleboro (House, No. 4299) [Local Approval Received].

Attleboro,—
funds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Somerville to offer an exemption for certain owner occupied residential properties for water and sewer charges and rates (House, No. 4309) [Local Approval Received].

Somerville,—
residential
exemptions.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing

Falmouth,—

the town of Falmouth to transfer a parcel of land commonly known as the Farley Bog (House, No. 4341) [Local Approval Received].

Farley Bog.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill authorizing Brian M. Belfiore to take the civil service examination for the position of firefighter in the city of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4186) [Local Approval Received].

Brian Belfiore,—
civil service.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Gloria Phillips, an employee of the Division of Industrial Accidents (House, No. 4336).

Gloria Phillips,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Heidi Souza, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 4372).

Heidi Souza,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Felix Cruz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 4381).

Felix Cruz,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Bethany Ryan, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 4403).

Bethany Ryan,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sonia Morales, employee of the Department of Youth Services (House, No. 4404).

Sonia Morales,—
sick leave.

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

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford (see House, No. 4243) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to the operation of certain trailers and semi-trailers (House, No. 4105) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Boylston to convey a certain parcel of land (House, No. 4197);

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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

At seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Moran of Boston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.