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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 Ever Present, Ever Hopeful, we pray for the women and men of our House of Representatives and for all those who serve the citizens of our Commonwealth.

Prayer.

God, Source of Vitality and Discovery, as we near the end of this week we give thanks for two Bay Staters whose efforts in medicine have greatly improved the hopes of people suffering from cancer and diabetes.

Yesterday marked the 1869 birth anniversary of Dr. Elliott Joslin in the town of Oxford. Joslin was the first doctor in the United States to specialize in diabetes and was the founder of today's Joslin Diabetes Center affiliated with what is now Beth Israel-New England Deaconess Hospital.

Joslin's theory, which was not accepted until 30 years after his death, was that good glucose control, achieved through a restricted carbohydrate diet, exercise, and frequent testing and insulin adjustment would prevent complications from diabetes.

Tomorrow, June 8 marks the 1951 anniversary of the founding of what is now called the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dr. Sidney Farber successfully experimented with drugs to halt the production of malignant bone marrow in children.

Dr. Farber never called his young patients by their real names, only Jimmy or Janie. The "Jimmy Fund" developed as a result of having a young patient appear on a national radio program. The boy spoke of his love for his baseball team, The Boston Braves who would visit him when he was in the hospital. Monies began to pour in from all over the country resulting in the development of the Children's Cancer Research Foundation.

When the Braves moved from Boston, the Red Sox championed the cause of this institute that is estimated to have raised over \$400 million dollars in the battle against various cancers.

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.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Benjamin N. Demers on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin Demers.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hill of Ipswich) congratulating Matthew S. McGaunn

Matthew

on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Michael Forbes on the occasion of his retirement from the Mansfield Housing Authority;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Garlick of Needham) congratulating Samuel Weston Evans on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) commending the town of Shelburne on the occasion of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) congratulating the town of Sunderland on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary of its incorporation;

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Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating John Kent Roderick on the occasion of his retirement from Seamen's Bank;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Rogers of Norwood) congratulating Collin Timothy Geary of Norwood Boy Scout Troop 49 on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Vega of Holyoke) honoring Betty Medina Litchenstein as the recipient of the annual service award from the Greater Holyoke Council on Understanding;

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

McGaunn.
Michael
Forbes.

Samuel
Evans.

Shelburne,—
anniversary.

Sunderland,—
anniversary.

Worthington,—
anniversary.

John
Roderick.

Collin
Geary.

Betty
Litchenstein.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4580) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to reconstruction of the state funded Clarendon Hill Public Housing Project by the Somerville Housing Authority in the city of Somerville. To the committee on Housing.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4581) of Michael S. Day (by vote of the town) that the town of Stoneham be authorized to appoint retired police officers as special police officers in said town. To the committee on Public Service.

By Representatives Connolly of Cambridge and Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4582) of Mike Connolly, Denise Provost and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to impose a real estate transfer fee on certain real estate transactions in said city. To the committee on Revenue.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Somerville,—
public
housing.

Stoneham,—
retired police
officers.

Somerville,—
Transfer fee.

Ms. Barber of Somerville presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey certain land in the city of Somerville to the Somerville Housing Authority;

Somerville,—
land.

and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, Nos. 409, 2110, 2129, 2132, 2142, 2143, 2908, 2911 and 2912, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning land and local matters (House, No. 4579). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Environment,
Natural Resources
and Agriculture,—
study.

Subsequently, Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Relative to community policing and behavioral health (House, No. 4356) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Behavioral
health.

For prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction (House, No. 4470) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Addiction,—
treatment.

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches; acting concurrently.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on Senate, No. 2403 and House, No. 4315, that the Bill to limit retroactive denials of health insurance claims for behavioral health and substance abuse services (House, No. 4315), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Behavioral
health,—
denials.

By Mr. Roy of Franklin, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the following House bills ought to pass:

Relative to healthy youth (House, No. 3704) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00] [Mr. Hunt of Sandwich dissenting].

Schools,—
sex education.

Creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities (House, No. 4286) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Education
opportunities.

Improving the mental health examination process of inmates at places of detention (House, No. 4357) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Inmates,—
mental health.

To improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents (House, No. 4454) [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Oral health.

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

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a task force on civil service hiring procedures (House, No. 3301). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Civil service,—
hiring.

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, No. 1747, a Bill to increase renewable energy and reduce high-cost peak hours (House, No. 4575).

Renewable energy.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2600, a Bill to improve grid resiliency through energy storage (House, No. 4576).

Grid resiliency.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3742, a Bill relative to electric vehicles expansion (House, No. 4578).

Vehicle expansion.

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

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Election Laws, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the city known as the town of Amherst to hold a special election on November 6, 2018 (House, No. 4482) [Local Approval Received].

Amherst,— election.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, for the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, on House, No. 2712, a Bill relative to net metering (House, No. 4577).

Net metering.

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

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Melvin Maldonado, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2444), 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, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Norfolk to convey certain land on Priscilla Avenue (House, No. 4148);

Third reading bills.

Relative to certain affordable housing in the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston (House, No. 4238); and

Authorizing the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District to lease certain land and buildings (House, No. 4503);

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.

The House Bill relative to child-centered family law (House, No. 3090) was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Second reading bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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

Next sitting.

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At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at one o'clock P.M., in an Informal Session.