Prayer

Monday, October 30, 2017.

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 of Power and Wonder, may the mighty winds of justice make their way through the halls and Chambers of this building as our legislators continue to seek to do what is right and just.

Today marks the 282nd anniversary of the birth of President John Adams

Born in Braintree, in what is now Quincy, John Adams attended Harvard at age 16 and began to study law sometime after graduating.

A prolific writer who kept a diary since his youth, Adams' reflections on colonial and post-Revolutionary America offer us insights into life in Massachusetts over the course of his 90 years.

In addition to his roles in American history as an Ambassador, then first Vice President and second President of the United States, Adams earlier in life was also the lawyer and defender of the British soldiers who fired into the angry crowd in what became known as the Boston Massacre.

Adams was also the primary author of the Constitution of our Commonwealth. It became effective on October 25, 1780 and remains the oldest functioning written constitution in the world. It also served as a model for the Constitution of the United States of America.

We are grateful to John Adams for all his efforts to achieve his life's goal which was, in the penned words of his youthful diary, "to become a great man'

Because the Adams Family House is in his district, we pray today for 2nd Norfolk District Representative Tackey Chan and his staff.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance

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.

Resolutions.

Pearl Gorczyca.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton) congratulating Pearl Gorczyca on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolu-tions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Department of Energy Resources (see Section 6 of Chap-State ter 448 of the Acts of 2016) of the delay of submission of a report on the opportunities for electrification of the state fleet, including the vehicles used by the regional transit authorities;

From the University of Massachusetts Medical School (see Section 43(f) of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting a report of the activities of the Mass Biologics Laboratories for the fiscal year 2017; and

From the Department of Mental Health (under Section 9 of Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the annual report of the Children's Behavioral Health (CBH) Advisory Council;

Severally were placed on file.

Monthly Report.

A monthly report from the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) relative to the condition of the Commonwealth's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund through August, 2017, was placed on file.

electrification.

Mass Biologics.

Children'

Petition.

Representative Fiola of Fall River and Senator Rodrigues presented a joint petition of Carole A. Fiola and Michael J. Rodrigues relative to Costa bridge designating a certain bridge in the city of Fall River as the Ronald Costa bridge; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Fall River.—

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy Brender and Scheduling, that the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brenda Tenaglia an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services of Mass Health [sic] (House, No. 3967), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

sick leave.

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

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on a petition, a Bill to amend special legislation to limit transfer of restaurant liquor licenses in the town of Belmont (House, No. 3806) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to Id. amend special legislation to limit transfer of restaurant liquor licenses in the town of Belmont (House, No. 3807) [Local Approval Received].

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Swampscott to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3931) [Local Approval Received].

Swampscott.-

Salem,liquor license. By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Salem to grant 1 additional liquor license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3941) [Local Approval Received].

No. 3941) [Local Approval Received].

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

Engrossed Bill.

Bill enacted. The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Jacqueline Staelens, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3886) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Third reading bills. Relative to the payment of bills of prior fiscal years by the town of Harvard (House, No. 3773); and

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Exempting positions in the department of public works in the city of Marlborough from the civil service law (House, No. 3883) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

ing 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.

Medford, liquor license. The House Bill authorizing the city of Medford to issue certain licenses to the Chevalier Theatre for the sale of food and alcoholic beverages (House, No. 3981), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3991), which was read.

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

Next sitting. On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,— Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.