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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018.**

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Monday, November 5, 2018.

Met at seven minutes after 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 Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Deliverance, we give thanks today for the health and welfare enjoyed by many in our Commonwealth. We pray for the efforts of our elected House membership. May they continue to work together in a spirit of co-operation.

We remember that it was on this day in 1639 the General Court named the Fairbanks Tavern in Boston as the locale for overseas mail to be delivered, thus establishing the first postal office in the American colonies.

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.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor (under the provisions of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation relative to authorizing the town of Hanover to grant abatement of real estate taxes to [sic] certain surviving spouse (House, No. 4955), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, November 2.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Sean Dennis Burke on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating John Joseph Corboy on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Joshua Adam Griffin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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Prayer.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

Hanover,—  
Chesna tax  
abatement.

Sean  
Burke.

John  
Corboy.

Joshua  
Griffin.

Anthony  
Krouskos.

Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Anthony John Krouskos on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Caleb Huston on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Noah Joslin on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

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

Caleb  
Huston.

Noah  
Joslin.

#### *Communication.*

A communication 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 MassBiologics Laboratories for the fiscal year 2018, was placed on file.

MassBiologics.

#### *Annual Reports.*

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Of the Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for the fiscal year 2018; and

Of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting financial statements, supplementary information, and a schedule of expenditures of federal awards and OMB uniform guidance auditors' reports for the fiscal year 2018;

Severally were placed on file.

Martha's  
Vineyard  
Regional  
Transit.

Merrimack  
Valley  
Regional  
Transit.

#### *Reports of Committees.*

By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, for the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the joint petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 4925) of Dylan Fernandes and Julian Cyr relative to authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District to lease a certain parcel of land to Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc.,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Martha's  
Vineyard,—  
land.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on a petition, a Bill providing for the conveyance of certain land owned by the Commonwealth in the city of Medford (House, No. 4923). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Medford,—  
land.

By Mr. Chan of Quincy, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 4932, a Bill authorizing the town of Harwich

Harwich,—  
liquor

to issue three additional liquor licenses (House, No. 4956) [Local Approval Received].

licenses.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a joint petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Needham (House, No. 4948) [Local Approval Received].

Needham,—  
charter.

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

### *Engrossed Bills.*

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Releasing a restriction on certain property in the town of Webster (see House, No. 4122, amended); and

Bills  
enacted.

Authorizing the city of Somerville to offer an exemption for certain owner occupied residential properties for water and sewer charges and rates (see House, No. 4309);

(Which severally originated in the House);

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.*

The Senate Bill creating senior tax relief in the town of Carver (Senate, No. 2670), 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.

The House Bill relative to the affordable housing trust fund of the town of Brewster (House, No. 4619), 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.

Id.

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The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Yin Yu-Wong, an employee of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (House, No. 4943) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Yin  
Yu-Wong,—  
sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in line 4 by inserting after the word "her" the words "children due to the death of her", and in line 7 by inserting after the word "illness" the words ", death".

The amendments were adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4943, amended) was passed to be engrossed. 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 Thursday

Next  
sitting.

next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At fourteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.