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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. O'Day of West Boylston 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 Hope and Endurance, we pray in a spirit of gratitude for the many blessings our Commonwealth enjoys. One of these blessings includes our ability to witness the recent display of powerful ocean tides.

Prayer.

We remember that today marks the anniversary of the 1898 maritime disaster, the sinking of the steamship Portland. The luxurious ship was filled with passengers heading back to Maine after visiting relatives in Boston for the Thanksgiving holiday. Shortly after leaving India Wharf, the side-wheel steamer encountered a quickly developing nor-easter with hurricane-force winds. It is believed that about 190 persons drowned, but the exact number of souls perished is unknown as the only passenger list was on board the unprepared vessel that was ill-equipped for rough seas.

As a result of this tragedy, there was a halt to the sailing on ocean waters of all side-wheel vessels as they lacked depth in draught as well as a new maritime regulation requiring a copy of all passenger lists be left with officials at ports of departure.

We pray for our legislators and their staff as they continue to navigate their way amid sometimes choppy political waters.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. O'Day), 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. Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating Luke Davies on receiving the Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America;

Luke  
Davies.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Candace Collins-Boden on her retirement and honoring her for her dedicated years of distinguished service to the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce and to the community; and

Candace  
Collins-Boden.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Michael P. Pakstis on the occasion of his retirement from the town of Wellesley;

Michael  
Pakstis.

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. Walsh of Peabody, the resolutions (reported by the

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committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Petition.*

Messrs. Puppolo of Springfield and Scibak of South Hadley presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and John W. Scibak for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John S. Gay, an employee of the Trial Court; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

John Gay,—  
sick leave.

*Papers from the Senate.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to relocate Faith Avenue and convey remnant parcels of real property (House, No. 4551, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1, in line 2, inserting after the word “contrary”, the following: “but subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (g) of section 16 of chapter 30B of the General Laws”. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Auburn,—  
land.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2675) of Bruce E. Tarr and Leonard Mirra (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish a selectmen-administrator form of government for the town of Newbury, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Newbury,—  
charter.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill amending the town manager act of the town of Arlington (House, No. 4931) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House. Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Walsh of Peabody, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Arlington,—  
town manager.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the Orleans affordable housing trust fund (see House, No. 4645) (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.*

The Senate Bill adding a fifth member to the Board of Elections Commission in the city of Everett (Senate, No. 2658), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Ayer to grant an additional license for

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the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4907), 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday 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. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. O'Day of West Boylston being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.