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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 Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Light and Joy, we give thanks today on this eve of the Christian holyday of Christmas for the gift of sunlight during these winter days of darkness.

We celebrate that it was on this day 70 years ago that the first solar-powered house was built in the town of Dover. This advance in technology grew out of the Depression when many people could not afford to pay for fossil fuel for heating their homes in the winter.

The house was a collaborative effort by three women of Massachusetts. MIT researcher Mária Telkes created the solar paneling and the heat-storing chemical mechanism, architect Eleanor Raymond designed the special house and the Boston sculptor Amelia Peabody provided the funding.

We pray for our legislators as they expend their energy on finishing this legislative session. We pray especially for 13th Norfolk district Representative Denise Garlick and her staff.

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 — Bill Returned with Recommendation of Amendment.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with recommendation of amendment the engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for John Taylor Woodward, an employee of the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department (House, No. 4957) [for message, see House, No. 5018], was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, December 21.

The message was read; and, under the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, the bill was thereupon "before the General Court and subject to amendment and re-enactment".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment recommended by His Excellency, the bill was referred, on motion of Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

## *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on

Prayer.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

John  
Woodward,—  
sick leave.

Pay equity,—  
commission.

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Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the joint petition of Patricia A. Haddad and Patricia D. Jehlen relative to pay equity. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Honan of Boston, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for William Brown, an employee of the Massachusetts of Department of Transportation (House, No. 5013). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

William Brown,—  
sick leave.

Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

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

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Senate bills

Authorizing the appointment of special police officers in the city of New Bedford (Senate, No. 2671, amended) [Local Approval Received]; and

New Bedford,—  
special police.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Tyra Jackson, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (Senate, No. 2677, amended);

Tyra Jackson,—  
sick leave.

House bills

Authorizing the town of Ashland to establish a special revenue fund for an economic development funding program (House, No. 5014) [Local Approval Received]; and

Ashland,—  
fund.

Authorizing the town of Montague to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 5017) [Local Approval Received];

Montague,—  
liquor  
license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill protecting locked out employees (see House, No. 4988, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Locked out employees,—  
benefits.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill  
enacted.

*Engrossed Bill.*

Engrossed bills

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Amending the charter of the city of Somerville (see Senate, No. 2676) (which originated in the Senate); and

Bills  
enacted.

Amending the charter of the town of Needham (see House, No. 4948) (which 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 further amendment (as changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) to the House amendment of the engrossed Bill extending the authorization for the use of certain discount vouchers for prescription drugs (see House, No. 4825), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Prescription  
drug vouchers.

The Senate Bill exempting all positions in the police department of the city of North Adams from the civil service law (Senate, No. 2666), 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 Dedham to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4417);

Third  
reading  
bills.

Authorizing the town of Harvard to establish a cap on property taxes for means tested seniors (House, No. 4984); and

Relative to the Bourne Recreation Authority (House, No. 4990);

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.

The House Bill relative to elections for fire district number 2 in the town of South Hadley (House, No. 4963), was read a third time.

South  
Hadley,—  
fire districts.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the bill be consolidated with the House Bill relative to election locations for fire district number 2 in the town of South Hadley (House, No. 4965), likewise referred to said committee, and substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 5019), which was read.

The report was accepted, the amendment then was adopted; and the substituted bill 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 Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

**UNCORRECTED PROOF.**

At twenty-five 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 Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.