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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020.**

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Monday, January 6, 2020.

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).

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.

## *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 authorizing the town of Burlington to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises [see House, No. 3676] (for message, see House, No. 4286), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 3.

Burlington,—  
liquor  
licenses.

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.

## *Message from His Excellency the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4285), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Friday, January 3.

Supplemental  
appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

## *Resignation of Representative O'Connell of Taunton.*

The following communication was read; and spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 3, 2020.

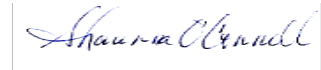
The Honorable Steven T. James  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
The Massachusetts State House  
Room 145  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please accept this as my formal notice of irrevocable resignation as State Representative from the Third Bristol District effective at 10:00 am on January 6, 2020.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve in the Massachusetts Legislature for the past ten years. I greatly appreciate the professionalism and assistance your office has provided during my time in the legislature. I wish you all much future success.

Sincerely yours,



Shaunna L. O'Connell  
State Representative.

Resignation of  
Representative  
Shaunna L.  
O'Connell of  
Taunton.

*Order.*

There being no objection, the following order (filed this day by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was adopted:

*Ordered*, That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Representative in the General Court from the Third Bristol District shall designate Tuesday, March 31, 2020, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Third Bristol  
Representative  
District,—  
time for election  
to fill vacancy.

*Reports of a Committee.*

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

Relative to smart growth housing production (House, No. 1280);

To expedite multifamily housing construction (House, No. 1281);

Relative to the timely and consistent payment of law enforcement personnel (House, No. 2173);

Clarifying call firefighter rights (House, No. 2339); and

Authorizing the town of Nantucket to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (House, No. 4159) [Local Approval Received];

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

Housing .  
Id.  
Law  
enforcement.  
Firefighters.  
Nantucket,—  
water.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill authorizing the town of Eastham to establish a water connection assistance program (see House, No. 3908) (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 engrossed Bill establishing additional powers for municipal light boards (see House, No. 4069), which had been returned to the House by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see House, No. 4253), was considered.

Municipal  
light boards.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending that the amendment recommended by the Governor be considered in the following form:

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 55 the following section:

Section 55A. A municipal light board may enter into an agreement with the city or town where it operates to provide billing, administrative, operational or other support services to assist the city or town with the operation of a municipal water utility owned and operated by the city or town upon such terms and conditions as agreed to by the city or town and the municipal light board.”.

The report was accepted; and the amendment then was adopted. Sent to the Senate for its action.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing the position of treasurer-collector in the town of Hinsdale (House, No. 3679), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Hinsdale,—  
treasurer-  
collector.

The House Bill relative to further regulating the Commission on Falls Prevention (House, No. 1893), 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.

Third  
reading  
bill.

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The House Bill establishing the George Washington memorial highway (House, No. 2974), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Agawam,—  
Washington  
highway.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Boldyga of Southwick moved to amend it by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any general provisions, the Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain proper signage signifying that Route 159 (Main Street) in the City known as the Town of Agawam from its most southerly border with the state of Connecticut running northbound to its intersection with Route 75 (Suffield Street) and Route 147 (Springfield Street) shall also be known as the George Washington Memorial Highway.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 2974, 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 at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At thirteen 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 Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.