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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 Power and Might, we give You praise for Your Presence in so many ways throughout our Commonwealth.

We ask You to watch over our elected officials as they begin in earnest the hard work of drafting legislation for this new session.

We take time to remember that tomorrow will mark the 100th anniversary of The Great Molasses Flood in Boston's North End neighborhood.

Around noon on January 15th, 1919 a five-story metal tank burst open and 2.3 million gallons of molasses weighing over 25 million pounds rushed over everything within two blocks killing 21 people, injuring 150 and causing over 100 million dollars damage in today's dollar value.

At first the company that owned the tank, blamed the explosion on anarchists who had been to blame for a spate of explosions and terrorist activities at the time. After a government-led investigation it was discovered that the company that owned the tank had built the structure poorly and did not maintain it. They were fined one million dollars in compensation for the victims. In addition, Massachusetts and most other states later created laws to certify engineers and to regulate construction.

We are grateful for our state's ongoing efforts in promoting the safety of the public.

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.

## *Members-elect to be Qualified.*

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Dykema of Holliston, Benson of Lunenburg and Wong of Saugus as a special committee of the House to conduct Representatives-elect Shaunna L. O'Connell, member-elect from the Third Bristol District and Denise Provost of Somerville, member-elect from the Twenty-seventh Middlesex District, to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

## *Order.*

The following order (filed this day with the Clerk by Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop) was considered forthwith as follows:

Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Representatives-elect Shaunna O'Connell of Taunton and Denise Provost of Somerville,— qualification.

*Ordered*, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of the members of the 191st General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the 190th General Court, provided that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committee on Rules of the House.

Temporary  
Rules  
committee.

The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary committee on Rules on the part of the Senate; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The temporary committee on Rules shall be authorized to utilize joint and House committee resources of the various committees having expertise in the subjects referred to them.

The temporary committee on Rules shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules.

#### *Appointments of the Minority Leader.*

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Whelan of Brewster had been appointed as his designee (under Section 80 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) on the Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board; and

Juvenile  
Justice Policy  
Data Board.

That Representative Sullivan of Abington had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Section 217 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) to conduct a study on the ability of defendants to pay fines and fees.

Defendants,—  
fees and fines.

#### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were considered, under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, and they were adopted, as follows:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Gordon of Bedford, Moran of Lawrence, Devers of Lawrence, Nguyen of Andover, Minicucci of North Andover and Biele of Boston) recognizing Tuscan Kitchen for its service to the residents affected by the gas interruptions in the Merrimack Valley;

Tuscan  
Kitchen.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating Nathan Joseph Bodette on earning the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nathan  
Bodette.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Samuel F. Donnellan on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Samuel  
Donnellan.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Cody Jette on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Cody  
Jette.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Kenneth Leeco on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Kenneth  
Leeco.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Benjamin D. Newcomb on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin  
Newcomb.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating

Alexander

Alexander Rinaldi on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Rinaldi.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) congratulating Matthew Sharples on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Matthew Sharples.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Poirier of North Attleborough, Barrows of Mansfield and Kafka of Stoughton) congratulating Dheeraj R. Valluru on receiving the Eagle Scout Award of the Boy Scouts of America.

Dheeraj Valluru.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joy Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (Senate, No. 5) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Joy Cochran,—  
sick leave.

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

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time forthwith.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, Mr. Kafka moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of children and families, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 5, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marc Wedgeworth, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 6) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

Marc Wedgeworth,—  
sick leave.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Day of Stoneham, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the bill (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time forthwith.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, in concurrence, the same member moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the trial court, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (Senate, No. 6, amended) was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

*Emergency Measures.*

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joy Cochran, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see Senate, No. 5, 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.

Joy Cochran,—  
sick leave.

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 Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

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*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 a quarter before one o'clock P.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.