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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019.**

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Thursday, January 17, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Brodeur of Melrose 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 Creativity, we give thanks for the legacy of our native born sons and daughters. Today we honor the anniversary of the 1706 birth in Boston of Benjamin Franklin. Born the 15<sup>th</sup> child of seventeen to Josiah Franklin, young Benjamin attended Boston Latin until age 10 and became an apprentice to his older brother James who published America's first independent newspaper.

Prayer.

Seventeen year old Benjamin left his brother and Boston suddenly in 1723 seeking a new life in Philadelphia.

Among his many achievements, Franklin was a leading inventor, humorist, civic activist, statesman, postmaster and diplomat.

Franklin bequeathed his home city of Boston a sum of 1,000 pounds sterling placed in a trust fund which accumulated almost \$5,000,000 million by the late 1980s. This fun helped to establish the Franklin Institute of Technology on Berkeley Street.

We pray for our House of Representatives that, like Mr. Franklin, the elected members of this chamber will use the gifts they have been given to make better the welfare of Massachusetts residents.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Brodeur), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

## *Message from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to protecting the Commonwealth from dangerous persons (House, No. 66), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Tuesday, January 15.

Dangerous persons.

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

## *Members Qualified.*

The Speaker announced that the special committee of the House appointed at the preceding sitting, relative to the qualification of Shaunna L. O'Connell, member-elect from the Third Bristol District and Denise Provost of Somerville, member-elect from the Twenty-seventh Middlesex District, had completed the

Representatives  
Shaunna L.  
O'Connell of  
Taunton and  
Denise Provost

assignment, and that Representatives O’Connell and Provost had, on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and were now duly qualified as members of the House.

of Somerville,—  
qualification.

*Appointments of the Minority Leader.*

Notice was received that the Republican Caucus had ratified the appointments by the Minority Leader of Representatives Hill of Ipswich to the position of Assistant Minority Leader, Poirier of North Attleborough to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader, Gifford of Wareham to the position of Third Assistant Minority Leader, Frost of Auburn to the position of Third Assistant Minority Leader and Smola of Warren as the ranking minority party member on the committee on Ways and Means.

Assistant  
minority  
leaders and  
ranking  
Ways and  
Means member.

*Appointment to a Special Commission.*

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Cassidy of Brockton to the special commission established (under Section 76 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) to review data concerning the epidemiology of brain injury and the needs of individuals with acquired brain injury and persons with traumatic brain injury and their families; analyze the current status of rehabilitative residential and integrated community-based support services for persons with acquired brain injury and persons with traumatic brain injury; and make recommendations regarding the improvement of such services

Brain injury  
commission.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Barrows of Mansfield) congratulating Chief Roger Hatfield on the occasion of his retirement;

Roger  
Hatfield.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Garlick of Needham and Dooley of Norfolk) congratulating town administrator Michael Sullivan on his retirement;

Michael  
Sullivan.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Mark of Peru and Blais of Sunderland) congratulating Joseph Chadwick on becoming the winningest coach in the Commonwealth; and

Joseph  
Chadwick.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vitolo of Brookline, Moran of Boston, Coppinger of Boston and Elugardo of Boston) celebrating the installation of John Wilson’s sculpture of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Brookline Town Hall;

Brookline,—  
Martin Luther  
King, Jr.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary 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. McGonagle of Everett, the resolutions (having been certified by the House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Annual Report.*

The annual report of the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (under sections 21, 102 and 103 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws)

Cost-of-living  
adjustment,—  
retirees.

relative to the per centum change in the average cost-of-living as shown by the United States consumer price index for the year 2018 compared with such index for the year 2017 (House, No. 67), was referred to the committee on Public Service. 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough (Mr. Brodeur of Melrose being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.