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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 Hope and Love we pray for our elected officials and their staff today as they move forward in their work. We give thanks for the many persons who over the centuries moved here and came to call Massachusetts home.

Prayer.

This past Saturday, March 9th marked the 1895 death anniversary of one such transplant.

Rebecca Lee Crumpler was the first African American woman to become a physician in America. She received her medical education in Boston at the New England Female Medical School. She started her practice in Boston and after the Civil War she courageously moved to Richmond to treat freed slaves. She endured racism and sexism including many threats and ridicule in the former Confederate capital.

She was befriended by Senator Charles Sumner and spoke at his memorial service. Sumner died on this day in 1874. In 1880, Dr. Crumpler and her husband moved back up North and settled in the Hyde Park section of Boston.

We give thanks today for this gifted woman who dedicated her medical practice toward helping the poor.

And 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.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. LeBoeuf of Worcester, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of retired police officer Peter Martinson, a life-long resident of the town of Leicester.

Peter
Martinson.

Officer Martinson served the town of Leicester in many ways, including as a member of the Leicester Fire Department, the Leicester 250th Anniversary Committee and as one of the first EMT's in the town. Peter was beloved by the community and was known as the "go to" person in the department. He was devoted to his neighbors and will be deeply missed by the town.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy, two daughters; Jennifer W. Segalla and her husband Robert, and Stephanie M. Bernabei and her husband Andrew of Leicester; four sisters, Martha LeVeille and her husband Larry, Anne Roche and her husband Richard, Elizabeth Gentile and Kristina Davidson; six grandchildren, Max, Ian, Theo, Ella, Abby and Emma as well as many nieces and nephews.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Ciccolo of Lexington) congratulating Cary Memorial Library on its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary;

Cary Memorial Library.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) congratulating Kameron Burton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Kameron Burton.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating American Legion Post 107 on the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary;

American Legion Post 107.

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. McGonagle of Everett, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Order.

An Order (filed by Mr. Rogers of Cambridge) relative to authorizing the Senate and House clerks to correct the records regarding the name change of the former committee on Marijuana Policy to the committee on Cannabis Policy, was referred to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Marijuana Policy.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, then reported that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the Massachusetts Capital Resource Company (under the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 816 of the Acts of 1977) submitting its forty-second annual report (Senate, No. 2182), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Revenue.

Capital Resource Company.

A petition (accompanied by bill) of Adam G. Hinds, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Smitty Pignatelli, Susannah M. Whipps and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure fair funding for rural schools, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Education.

Rural schools,—funding.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2185) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

Report of a Committee.

By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, for the committee on Health Care Financing, that the Bill relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors (House, No. 140), ought to pass [Cost: Greater than \$100,000.00].

Conversion therapy,—minors.

Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

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.

At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.