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Thursday, March 14, 2019.

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 Order and Purpose, we give thanks for the elements of Your creation that exist in harmony.

Prayer.

Today we celebrate the anniversary of the 1837 birth of Charles Ammi Cutter in Boston.

Cutter was a graduate of Harvard Divinity School who became a librarian. He established a rival catalogue of the Dewey Decimal System. His was called the Cutter Expansive Classification System. Cutter's method had seven levels of classification so small libraries could use a simplified version.

He was appointed the Librarian for Northampton's newly established Forbes library where Cutter's catalogue system is still in use.

We pray for our elected public servants and their staff. May they possess the same perspicaciousness as Charles Cutter had as they sort through the many documents that come to their attention.

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. DeCoste of Norwell, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Dorothy "Dot" Dickson of Norwell, who passed away on March 6th at the age of 96. Dot played an instrumental role in the development of elder services in Norwell and strongly supported veterans locally, state-wide and nationally.

Dorothy "Dot" Dickson.

Dot was a World War II veteran, who served on active duty for two years as a Navy WAVE Specialist 2nd Class and then nine years in the Navy Reserve. When she passed, she was Norwell's oldest veteran. Dot served as the town's Veteran Service Officer for 35 years and during the 1960's became the first female Commander of Norwell's Samuel Turner, Jr., American Legion Post 192. From 1974 to 1976, she served as the district's first female Commander and in 1993 to 1995 she served as Massachusetts' first female State Commander.

Appointment of the Chair of the Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

The Speaker announced that (under the provisions of Rule 18) the Democratic Caucus had, on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, ratified his appointment of Representative Paul McMurtry of Dedham to the first named position on the joint committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

Committee on
Tourism, Arts
and Cultural
Development.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Sounds of Stow on their fortieth season and honoring the leadership of founding artistic director Barbara Jones;

Barbara Jones,—
Sounds of Stow.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Naughton of Clinton) commending the International Essential Tremor Foundation on its recognition of March 2019 as Essential Tremor Awareness Month;

Essential
tremor
awareness.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Piesch of Wellesley) honoring Mason Klinck on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Mason
Klinck.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Roy of Franklin and Murray of Milford) congratulating Collin McGlynn on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Collin
McGlynn.

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

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Pignatelli of Lee, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 805) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to septic system inspections,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Septic
inspections.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph Klimkofski, Jr., an employee of Department of Public Health (House, No. 3509) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee 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.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At ten 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 Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.