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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead 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:

We give thanks to You God for the many blessings our Commonwealth enjoys, especially its long history of religiosity and spirituality. Many theologians lived in Massachusetts at some point in their lives.

Prayer.

Tomorrow marks the anniversary of the 1758 death of Jonathan Edwards, a Congregationalist preacher at the forefront of the Great Awakening Movement in the early to mid-18th century. His sermon given at his church in Northampton, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God", is considered a classic example of a sermon preached during this period of Christian Revivalism.

Edwards employed scientific knowledge of the Enlightenment in his sermons. His name appears on the fresco surrounding this chamber.

We pray for our legislators and for all those who work in the State House. May You bless them with safety, health and peace in their minds and hearts.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Ehrlich), the members, guests and employees joined with her 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 firefighter Edward Connole, a resident of Rochdale.

Edward
Connole.

Ed had worked as a firefighter for the Worcester Fire Department for 32 years, retiring last June. He was a proud member of the Worcester Firefighters Bagpipe Band since its inception.

Ed is survived by his wife of 25 years, Carol (Wiley) Connole; two sons, Jason Connole and his wife Jennifer, and Kevin Courtney; six daughters, Tara Connole, Lori Cronin and her husband Timothy, Jodie Holmes and Danielle Saska, Machaela and Caitlyn Courtney; his brother, Stephen M. Connole and his wife Marie; thirteen grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his twin brother, James Connole.

Ed was beloved by the community and was known for his commitment to service. He was devoted to his neighbors and will be deeply missed.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to enabling the establishment of innovation partnership zones (House, No. 3632), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, March 18.

Schools,—
innovation
partnership
zones.

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

Appointment of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Cahill of Lynn to the Public Market Commission established (under Section 4(e) of Executive Order Number 535) to define the mission and vision of a public market in downtown Boston.

Public
Market
Commission.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Cronin of Easton) congratulating Evan Hamlin of the town of Easton on his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Evan
Hamlin.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Zachary Elias on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Zachary
Elias.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Mikhail Mayer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Mikhail
Mayer.

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

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 3506), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text contained in Senate document numbered 2184. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 984) of Joan B. Lovely, Paul F. Tucker, Michael O. Moore, Timothy R. Whelan and other members of the General Court for legislation to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents; and

Bullying,—
elderly and
disabled.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 985) of Joan B. Lovely, Paul F. Tucker, Michael O. Moore, Timothy R. Whelan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to bullying in public housing;

Bullying,—
housing.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Housing; and

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 923) of Brian Coppola for legislation to establish psychiatric advance directives for mental health care; and

Psychiatric
directives.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 942) of Cindy F. Friedman for legislation to provide critical community services;

Community
health
services.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Ms. Cronin of Easton, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1492) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to expanding access to adoption; and

Adoption,—
access.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3468) of RoseLee Vincent relative to written consent by biological parents for certain adoptions;

Adoption,—
consent.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1443) of Kevin G. Honan and others for legislation to prevent and respond to bullying of elderly and disabled residents,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Housing.

Bullying
prevention.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2363) of Daniel J. Ryan and others relative to collective bargaining representation for public employees; and

Collective
bargaining.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2385) of Bud L. Williams and others relative to public employee collective bargaining;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patty Woods, an employee of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (House, No. 3508), 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.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Brian S. Bibeau, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 2376), reported by the committee on

Brian
Bibeau,—

Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

sick leave.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers 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 correction, 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 (House, No. 2376, 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 Monday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. D’Emilia of Bridgewater (Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.