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**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019.**

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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 Fairness and Equity, we ask Your blessing upon the women and men who work in this chamber and in the many state offices here on Beacon Hill. Bless them with good health and a spirit of collaboration.

Prayer.

Today we give thanks for the Commonwealth's rich history in recreational sport as we await the return of the Red Sox to Fenway Park. Tomorrow marks the anniversary of the first baseball game played at Fenway in 1912. The event was an exhibition game between the Red Sox and Harvard University, which ended early due to cold, snowy conditions. The Red Sox defeated the Harvard Crimson 2-0.

We are grateful that today's precipitation is in liquid form.

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.

## *Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. González of Springfield and other members of the House) commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the ratification of the fifteenth amendment to the United States Constitution by the Commonwealth; and

Fifteenth amendment.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hecht of Watertown and other members of the House) commending Aurelian Mardiros and Anahid Mardiros for their contributions to the commemoration of the Armenian Genocide;

Aurelian and Anahid Mardiros.

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

## *Communication from the Chair of the committee on Rules.*

A communication from the Chair of the committee on Rules, under the provisions of Rule 19B, was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

BY HAND

April 8, 2019

The Honorable Steven T. James  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
State House – Room 145  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

This letter is to inform you that the following caucuses have registered with the committee on Rules as Legislative Member Organizations, in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 19B:

Legislative  
Member  
Organizations.

Name of Caucus	Chair
Regional Transit Authority Caucus	Rep. Sarah Peake
Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus	Rep. Carlos González
Regional Schools Caucus	Rep. Kim Ferguson
Food System Caucus	Rep. Hannah Kane, Rep. Daniel Donahue, & Rep. Paul Schmid
METCO Caucus	Rep. David Linsky
Manufacturing Caucus	Rep. Jeffrey Roy
Foster Care Caucus	Rep. Paul Donato
Legislative Cultural Caucus	Rep. Mary Keefe
Legislative Criminal Justice Caucus	Rep. Mary Keefe
Per and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Caucus	Rep. John Velis
House Progressive Caucus	Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis
Gateway Cities Legislative Caucus (GCLC)	Rep. Antonio Cabral
Portuguese American Legislative Caucus	Rep. Antonio Cabral
Medicare for All	Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa and Tami Gouveia
Legislative Library Caucus	Rep. Natalie Higgins and Brian Murray
Clean Energy Caucus	Rep. Maria Robinson
House Asian Caucus	Rep. Donald Wong
Massachusetts Oral Health Caucus	Rep. Kevin Honan
MetroWest Legislative Caucus	Rep. Carolyn Dykema
Rural Caucus	Rep. Sarah Peake & Rep. Paul Mark

Respectfully,  
William C. Galvin  
*Chair*

*Communication from Representative Dykema of Holliston.*

A communication from Representative Dykema of Holliston was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

April 5, 2019

Steven T. James  
*Clerk of the House of Representatives*  
State House, Room 145  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

Enclosed, please find the completed membership form requesting the creation of the MetroWest Legislative Caucus for the 191<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session. The MetroWest Legislative Caucus is a regional legislative member organization comprising of members who represent communities located between the cities of Boston and Worcester. This caucus periodically meets to discuss legislative and budget issues of regional importance and may advocate for programs and policies that directly impact MetroWest communities. Membership is bicameral, nonpartisan, voluntary, and based on the geographical location of members' districts in the MetroWest region.

MetroWest  
Legislative  
Caucus.

A copy of this form has been submitted to the House Committee on Rules as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,  
CAROLYN C. DYKEMA  
*House Chair*  
MetroWest Legislative Caucus

*Communications.*

Communications

From the Department of Mental Health (see Section 9 of Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the annual report of the Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Council;

Children's  
behavioral  
health.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 224 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting the 2018 annual progress report of the Massachusetts Commission on Falls Prevention;

Falls  
prevention.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Consolidated Report on the Department of Transitional Assistance Program Integrity Division;

Program  
Integrity  
Division.

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 37 of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 2014) submitting a report entitled: Report on the Establishment of a Cashless EBT System;

Cashless  
EBT system.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Health Information Technology Council for the period October 2017 to December 2018;

Health  
information.

From the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (see item 7007-0500 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018) submitting a report on its cooperation with the Commonwealth on the development, implementation and success of several initiatives to increase diversity in the fields of life sciences and biotechnology; and

Massachusetts  
Biomedical  
Initiatives.

From the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (see Section 70 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws) submitting a complete and detailed report of the commission's activities;

Gaming Commission.

Severally were placed on file.

*Report.*

The report of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (under Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting a listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property for 2018, was placed on file.

DCAMM,—  
real  
property.

*Petitions.*

Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3685) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the membership of the Northampton Housing Authority; and the same was referred to the committee on Housing. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Northampton  
Housing  
Authority.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to retirement benefits for Brian P. Costello, Jr.

Brian  
Costello.

By Mr. Moran of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Casandra Xavier relative to disability awareness training for certain state employees.

Disability  
awareness  
training.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

Reports

Of the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 156) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., William N. Brownsberger, Bradford Hill and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect the rights of assisted living residents,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Elder Affairs;

Assisted  
living,—  
residents.

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 676) of Viriato M. deMacedo, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Mathew J. Muratore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to MassHealth provider reimbursement; and

Schools,—  
Medicaid  
reimbursements.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 731) of Dean A. Tran, Brian M. Ashe and David Paul Linsky for legislation to promote mental health education in Massachusetts high schools;

High schools,—  
mental health  
education.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Education.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 732) of James T. Welch, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis, Rebecca L. Rausch and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect public health and reduce health care costs,—

Emissions,—  
health impacts.

and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture;

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 665) of Nick Collins, Patricia D. Jehlen, Michael J. Rodrigues and Jason M. Lewis for legislation to provide for consumer access to and the right to practice complementary and alternative health care services; and

Alternative health care services.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 716) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to remove the restrictions on the licenses of certified registered nurse anesthetists as recommended by the Institute of Medicine and the Federal Trade Commission;

Nurse anesthetists,—licensing.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Of the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 763) of Michael O. Moore, Diana DiZoglio, Paul F. Tucker, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to public safety on private college and university campuses,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security;

Private campuses,—public safety.

Of the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1119) of Dean A. Tran and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to employment protections for medical marijuana patients,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Cannabis Policy;

Medical marijuana,—employment.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1077) of Cindy F. Friedman, Michael O. Moore, Bradford Hill, Anne M. Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to fair pay for comparable work,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities;

Human service workers.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1089) of Eric P. Lesser, Jason M. Lewis, Brian M. Ashe, Bud L. Williams and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to community college tuition; and

Community colleges,—scholarship.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1120) of Dean A. Tran, David Paul Linsky and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation relative to the repayment of student loans for mental and behavioral healthcare workers;

Healthcare workers,—student loans.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Higher Education.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1087) of Edward J. Kennedy, Jason M. Lewis, Patrick M. O'Connor, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to raise employment and combating opioids through vocational education and rehabilitation (RECOVER),— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery; and

Vocational education and rehabilitation.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1046) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to employees of private railroads,— and recommending the same be referred to the committee on Transportation;

Private railroads,—employees.

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

*Emergency Measure.*

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

Pattie Woods,—  
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 House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

*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.

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