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Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Wagner of Chicopee 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 Justice and Truth, we look forward to the celebration of our state holiday this upcoming Monday, Patriots Day.

Prayer.

As we look back in gratitude for the brave men and women of colonial times, we recognize the need for our own vigilance and promotion of freedom and fairness.

We ask Your blessing O God upon our Commonwealth as we continue to strive to be the leader among the fifty states in defending liberty and promoting justice.

We humbly recognize our own individual and collective failures when it comes to our effort to live out the meaning of a commonwealth, a state that seeks the good and welfare for all its citizens.

We are spurred on by the legacy of the brave actions taken by our ancestors of Lexington and Concord to continue the battle for freedom and human rights.

We ask Your blessing upon the people from all over the globe who will visit our Commonwealth this weekend and we pray for the health and safety of all who will participate in the Boston Marathon on Monday; the runners, the volunteers and the spectators who will line the route to cheer on the runners.

May the Spirit of Massachusetts find a home in the hearts of all residents and visitors at this holiday time.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representative Ferrante of Gloucester had been appointed (under Section 16G(l) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) to the Economic Development Planning Council; and

Economic development council.

That Representative Ferrante of Gloucester had been appointed (under Section 7 of Chapter 23H of the General Laws) to the State Workforce Investment Board.

Workforce board.

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:—

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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
Italian Caucus	Rep. Paul Donato & Rep. Adrian Madaro
Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators	Rep. Liz Malia

Respectfully,
William C. Galvin
Chair

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury) congratulating Reece A. Ciampitti on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules

Reece
Ciampitti.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Sarah K. Peake relative to the closed season on edible crabs.

Crabs,—
season.

By Mr. Wong of Saugus, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Donald H. Wong for legislation to designate a certain bridge in the city of Lynn as the Army Specialist Antonio J. Syrakos foot bridge.

Lynn,—
Syrakos
foot bridge.

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

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Anthony Barton, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services, came

Anthony
Barton,—
sick leave.

from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2199) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on House Nos. 3115, 3149 and 3179, a Bill requiring the hands-free use of mobile telephones while driving (House, No. 3149) [Representative DeCoste of Norwell dissenting]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hands-free devices.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, on motion of Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Authorizing the town of Barnstable to grant an easement to Vineyard Wind LLC (House, No. 1771) [Local Approval Received]; and

Barnstable,—
Vineyard Wind.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Autumn Fugere, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 3683);

Autumn Fugere,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate amendment of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anna-Paula Ferreira, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (House, No. 77), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was adopted, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

The House Bill relative to the fire district in the town of Williamstown (House, No. 1760), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Williamstown,—
fire district.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 3, in lines 35 to 39, inclusive, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: "Upon such expiration of term of office or sooner vacating of office of the elected office of district clerk, the elected office of district clerk shall be abolished and a district clerk shall be appointed as provided in section 3 of chapter 69 of the acts of 1912; provided, however, that if this act takes effect less than 35

days before the annual district election, the elected office of district clerk shall not be abolished and a district clerk shall not be appointed as provided in said section 3 of said chapter 69 until the next following annual district election or until the person elected to the office of district clerk at the annual district election held within 35 days after the effective date of this act sooner vacates the office. Upon such expiration of term of office or sooner vacating of office of the elected office of district treasurer, the elected office of district treasurer shall be abolished and a district treasurer shall be appointed as provided in said section 3 of said chapter 69; provided, however, that if this act takes effect less than 35 days before the annual district election, the elected office of district treasurer shall not be abolished and a district treasurer shall not be appointed as provided in said section 3 of said chapter 69 until the next following annual district election or until the person elected to the office of district treasurer at the annual district election held within 35 days after the effective date of this act sooner vacates the office.”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 1760, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Anna-Paula Ferreira, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see House, No. 77, amended), 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.

Anna-Paula
Ferreira,—
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 4 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 Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. Wagner of Chicopee being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.