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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 Justice, we pray for our representatives and their staff as they continue to pursue fair and just legislation. Enlighten their minds and spirits during these dreary damp days.

God of Hope and Source of Life, we give thanks for the growth of plant life in Massachusetts soil. We know that the soft rainfall of late has aided our gardens, but today we pray for a bit more sunshine and a warmer, drier climate.

We also recall that it was on this day in 1885, that Good Housekeeping Magazine was founded in Holyoke by Clark W. Bryan. After Bryan's death in 1899, the magazine was sold a few times until it was purchased by the Hearst Corporation in 1911. It grew to become one of the most popular magazines in America.

Dear God, we pray that those who work in and through this chamber will always practice "good housekeeping" in their stewardship and may earn Your seal of approval.

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.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Gentile of Sudbury, Scott McDermott of Medfield and Dominick Pangallo of Salem to the citizen's commission established (under Chapter 322 of the Acts of 2018) concerning a constitutional amendment to secure government of the people.

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:—

May 2, 2019

The Honorable Steven T. James Clerk of the House of Representatives State House – Room 145 Prayer.

Pledge of allegiance.

Government of the people commission.

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
Biotech Caucus	Rep. Joseph Wagner
National Guard Caucus	Rep. Naughton

Respectfully, William C. Galvin Chair

Statement of Representative Keefe of Worcester.

A statement of Ms. Keefe of Worcester was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session of Thursday, April 25 due to a medical injury that prevented me from leaving the district and coming to the State House. If I had been present for that session, I would have voted in the negative on roll call No. 51 on adoption of amendment No. 1337. I would have voted in the affirmative, in each instance, on roll call No. 52 on adoption of consolidated amendment "H", on roll call No. 53 on adoption of amendment No. 1202, on roll call 54 on adoption of consolidated amendment "I", and also on roll call No. 55 on the question on passing the General Appropriation Bill to be engrossed.

Statement of Ms. Keefe of Worcester.

Statement of Representative LaNatra of Kingston.

A statement of Mrs. LaNatra of Kingston was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the session of Thursday, April 25, 2019 because I was attending my son's military training graduation. If I had been present for the roll call on passing to be engrossed the General Appropriation Bill, I would have voted in the affirmative. My missing of roll calls that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement of Mrs. LaNatra of Kingston.

Guests of the House.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Officer Richard Derry, Chief John Ford, and Deputy Chief Don Brewer of the Sharon Police Department, as well as Steven Fenerjian of Sharon.

Officer Derry was recently awarded the Medal of Valor for his quick thinking and heroic actions in response to a home invasion in Sharon last November.

Sharon Police Department. Without hesitation, and with complete disregard for his safety, he rushed into the house and confronted an armed suspect, who then complied with his commands and was taken into custody. His quick response to the scene and courageous decision to immediately enter the building saved further violence from occurring.

Officer Derry is an 18-year veteran of the department and the great-great-grandson of the town's first police chief.

They were the guests of Representative Kafka of Stoughton and were accompanied by Senator Timilty.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Decker of Cambridge, Connolly of Cambridge, Livingstone of Boston, Hecht of Watertown and Rogers of Cambridge) congratulating the Saint Mary Orthodox Church on its ninetieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow and other members of the House) commending the Children's Melanoma Prevention Foundation for joining with the American Academy of Dermatology to recognize the month of May as "Skin Cancer Prevention and Detection Awareness Month"; and

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Minicucci of North Andover) congratulating Margaret Keleher Caffrey on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

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.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, January 18, 2019) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3701) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to the federal tax collateral consequences of alimony. To the committee on the Judiciary.

By Representatives LeBoeuf of Worcester and Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3700) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to recognizing the flag of the Vietnamese National Army as the official flag of the Vietnamese American community in the Commonwealth. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Messrs. Donahue of Worcester and O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel M. Donahue and James J. O'Day for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Susan Purcell, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

By Messrs. Kearney of Scituate and Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and James K. Hawkins relative to

Saint Mary Orthodox Church.

Skin cancer prevention month.

Margaret Caffrey.

Alimony,—federal taxes.

Vietnamese American community, flag.

Susan Parcell, sick leave.

Bicycles, safety. bicycle safety.

By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to continuing education requirements for electricians.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Nangle relative to insurance on buildings by the University of Massachusetts.

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

Electricians,—education.

UMass,—buildings.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing a ballot question in the town of Rockport relative to the granting of 2 licenses for alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2212) (on Senate bill No. 156) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Rockport, liquor licenses.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then 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; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Ferrante of Gloucester, the bill (having been 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, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to expanding access to healthy food choices in vending machines on state property. To the committee on Public Health.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Peter Capano, Brendan P. Crighton and Mindy Domb for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sophia R. Velez, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services;

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephan Hay and others relative to payments in lieu of vacation as regular compensation for certain retirees and active retirement system members; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Carrie Peters, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a joint petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Denise Santos, an employee of the Massachusetts department of corrections [sic] (House, No. 3697). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for said committee, then reported that the matter be

Vending machines,—choices.

Sophia Velez, sick leave.

State retirement,— compensation.

Carrie Peters, sick leave.

Denise Santos, sick leave. 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; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill authorizing a ballot question in the town of Rockport relative to the granting of 2 licenses for alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (see Senate, No. 2212) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, 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 Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (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.