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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019.**

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Monday, June 10, 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).

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.

## *Guests of the House.*

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) declared a brief recess and introduced, seated in the Chamber, students from the 2019 state champion robotics team at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury. They were the guest of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury.

Saint John's  
High School,—  
robotics team.

## *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 Mary Hellen on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday;

Mary  
Hellen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Dorothy "Dottie" MacKeen for being recognized as a 2019 Unsung Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women;

Dorothy  
MacKeen.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating James "Jim" Sauta on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday;

James  
Sauta.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Kevin E. Donaher on the occasion of his retirement; and

Kevin  
Donaher.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Kafka of Stoughton and Galvin of Canton) congratulating the Stoughton High School music program on its final concert in the current Stoughton High School building;

Stoughton  
High School,—  
music program.

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 Ms. Hogan, 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:—

June 10, 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 caucus has registered with the committee on Rules as a Legislative Member Organization, in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 19B:

Legislative  
 Member  
 Organization.

Name of Caucus	Chairs
Boating Caucus	Rep. William Straus & Rep. Susan Gifford

Respectfully,  
 William C. Galvin  
*Chair*

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Haddad of Somerset and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3864) of Patricia A. Haddad and Michael J. Rodrigues (by vote of the town) that the town of Swansea be authorized to grant up to six additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Swansea,—  
 liquor  
 licenses.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3865) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to enter into a long-term lease for the operation of a performing arts center. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

New Bedford,—  
 performing  
 arts center.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Representative Meschino of Hull and Senator O'Connor presented a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan Meschino and Patrick M. O'Connor relative to the authorities of municipal light boards; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Municipal  
 light boards.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Angelo L. D'Emilia and Marc R. Pacheco that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to transfer care and control of certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater from the Department of Correction to the

Bridgewater,—  
 land.

Department of Fire Services; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill preventing distracted driving (Senate, No. 2245) (on Senate bill No. 2216, amended), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Distracted driving.

**Bills**

Authorizing the town of Groveland to continue the employment of Joseph Santapaola as a member of the Groveland Fire Department (Senate, No. 1585) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Groveland,—  
Joseph  
Santapaola.

Crediting the stabilization fund for the sale of Milton L. Fuller School in the city of Gloucester (Senate, No. 2195) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received];

Gloucester,—  
fund.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2239) of Edward J. Kennedy (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conveyance by lease or easement and change of use of conservation land in the town of Groton, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Groton,—  
land.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2248) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to freedom of expression for public school students. To the committee on Education.

Students,—  
freedom of  
expression

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2247) of William N. Brownsberger, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and John C. Velis for legislation relative to benzodiazepines and non-benzodiazepine hypnotics. To the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Hypnotics.

*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 petition of David F. DeCoste that the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System be directed to authorize Daniel P. Schwemin to purchase creditable service. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Daniel  
Schwemin,—  
retirement.

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:

Establishing a sick leave bank for Sheri Panas, an employee of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (House, No. 3816);

Sheri Panas,—  
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Debra Messier, an employee of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 3849); and

Debra Messier,—  
sick leave.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Jennifer Desjardins [sic] an employee of the Department of Children and Families (House, No. 3850);

Jennifer Desjardins,—  
sick leave.

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

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, for the committee on Cannabis Policy, on Senate, Nos. 1129 and 1133 and House, Nos. 3535 and 3544, a Bill expanding agriculture preservation restrictions for hemp cultivation (House, No. 3535). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Hemp cultivation.

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to declare the city of Quincy as the most patriotic city in America (House, No. 3193). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Quincy,—  
patriotism.

#### *Recess.*

At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at two minutes after one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

#### *Paper from the Senate.*

The House Bill requiring the hands-free use of mobile telephones while driving (House, No. 3793, amended), 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 2250.

Hands-free devices.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, the amendment was considered forthwith. The House then non-concurred with the Senate in its amendment; and, on further motion of the same member, asked for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches. Messrs. Straus, Wagner of Chicopee and Whelan of Brewster were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent to the Senate to be joined.

Committee of conference.

Subsequently notice was received from the Senate that said branch had insisted on its amendment, concurred with the House in the appointment of a committee of conference; and that Senators Boncore, Brownsberger and Tran had been joined as the committee on the part of the Senate.

Id.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

The House Bill authorizing the town of Barnstable to grant an easement to Vineyard Wind LLC (House, No. 1771), 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.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At five minutes after one o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.