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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Speaker Mariano of Quincy and Mr. Kushmerek of Fitchburg, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent prayer in respect to the memory of Carmella Rose Cantino (Kushmerek) who passed away at her home in January 2021 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts at the age of 68. Carmella was born on December 13, 1952 in Ayer, Massachusetts to John Cantino and Adair Shattuck. She graduated from Littleton High School in 1971.

Carmella Rose
Cantino
(Kushmerek).

She grew up on a farm in Littleton, working the fields before school and on the weekends. She enjoyed a successful modeling career in her early 20s, before meeting and marrying Albert Kushmerek with whom she gave birth to three boys.

Carmella loved to garden and was a fervent interior decorator. Carmella was a figure of extreme strength, having endured many hardships and struggles with mental health while always keeping her heart open to others in need. She encouraged her children to pursue their goals and enjoy life to its fullest.

Carmella was a passionate and caring mother and is survived by her children Derek Kushmerek of Alexandria, Virginia, David Kushmerek of Waite Park, Minnesota, and Michael Kushmerek of Fitchburg, daughter-in-law, Carissa Scottfenton Kushmerek, step-children, Kristina Sieckowski, Jonathan Kushmerek, Grandson, Julian Kushmerek, siblings John Cantino and Adair Poitras, her beloved cousin, Sandy DeSilvio Hinckley, and nieces and nephews, among them her kindred spirit, Jessica Poitras.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 56), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, January 21.

Bonds.

The message was read; and it was referred, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Balser of Newton and other members of the House) recognizing January 27, 2021 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day;

Holocaust remembrance.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Biele of Boston) recognizing Edward Shifflett and Jean (Sullivan) Shifflett for their contributions to American veterans and addressing hunger and food needs;

Edward and Jean Shifflett.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Giannino of Revere) congratulating Joann Giannino on the occasion of her eightieth birthday;

Joann Giannino.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Harrington of Groton and Sena of Acton) congratulating the town of Ayer on the celebration of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of its establishment;

Ayer,— anniversary.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Mary-Lee King on her retirement as Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Fish and Game;

Mary-Lee King.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Stanley of Waltham) congratulating Mary Frances Caramanica on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday; and

Mary Frances Caramanica.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett) honoring Dr. Robert Baldwin being named School Superintendent of the Year.

Robert Baldwin.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (having been certified by the House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence:

Ordered, That a convention of the two Houses be held at eleven o'clock A.M., on Wednesday, January 27, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to Councillor-Elect Mary E. Hurley of East Longmeadow.

Joint convention.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexis Orloff, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (Senate, No. 6), having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Alexis Orloff, an employee of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (see Senate, No. 6), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adoption of the emergency preamble.

Alexis Orloff,— 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 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in the adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at a quarter before eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at a quarter before eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.