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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021.**

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Thursday, February 25, 2021.

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 and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

*Messages from the Governor.*

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting the annual budget of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 (House, No. 1), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 27.

General  
Appropriation  
Bill.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying schedules, to the committee on Ways and Means.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to expanding sports wagering in the Commonwealth (House, No. 70), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, January 27.

Sports  
wagering.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Resolutions.*

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

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cassidy of Brockton) commending the ADMETECH Foundation on observing the Twelfth Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day and honoring Black History Month on February 25, 2021; and

Prostate Cancer  
Day and Black  
History Month.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable) commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the celebration of the Greek Revolution of 1821;

Greek  
Revolution.

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

*Petition.*

Representative Jones of North Reading and Senator Lewis presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 71) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Jason M. Lewis and others relative to early voting by mail; and the same was referred, to the committee on Rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus.

Early voting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill further providing for early voting by mail (House, No. 71), which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on further motion of Mr. Wong, the bill was read a second time.

Second reading bill referred to Ways and Means.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was referred, by the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill relative to the office of Mayor in the city of Boston (see House, No. 67) (which originated in the House), 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. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

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At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., 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.