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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).

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.

## *Silent Tribute.*

At the request of Ms. Sabadosa of Northampton, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute in respect to the memory of Dr. Martha "Marty" Nathan, a Northampton resident, physician, and climate and social justice activist who passed away on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Dr. Martha  
"Marty"  
Nathan.

Marty attended Brown University in Rhode Island and then medical school at Duke University in North Carolina. In 1979, Marty lost her first husband, Dr. Michael Nathan, chief of pediatrics at Durham's Lincoln Community Health Center, when he was murdered by Klan and Nazi members in what would become known as the Greensboro Massacre. Widowed at age 28 with an infant daughter, she went on to successfully sue the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazis, and the Greensboro police for the wrongful death of her husband after two unsuccessful criminal trials. Although she was the only successful claimant, in typical fashion, Marty shared the funds with the surviving families of all those who perished in the massacre by starting the Greensboro Justice Fund, which over the next 20 years gave away \$500,000 as grants to small groups fighting for civil rights and social justice in the South.

Marty later married Dr. Elliot Fratkin, the Gwendolen Carter Chair Emeritus in African Studies and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Smith College, and they moved to Northampton. Marty worked as a family physician at Baystate Brightwood Health Center in Springfield and retired in 2020 due to health issues. She continued to treat undocumented and uninsured immigrants through La Cliniquita program that she helped found, famously travelling the 20+ mile route daily by bus.

She was a passionate climate advocate and co-founded Climate Action Now, founded the environmental activism group 2degrees Northampton, and served as a board member of the Springfield Climate Justice Coalition. She started the Markam-Nathan Fund for Social Justice with her dear friend, Arky Markham, in 2009, which awards grants to grassroots social justice and peace groups in Western Massachusetts, to honor their deceased husbands' tireless devotion to building a better world.

Although she was sick with lung cancer she never slowed down. Just six weeks prior to her passing, she travelled to Washington to join the Climate Protest and was arrested, again, in front of the White House. Marty lived her values every single day, both in sickness and in health, and inspired others to do the same.

Marty loved nature, the color purple, a good joke, mystery novels, and, most fiercely, her family and friends. Her laughter, compassion, and friendship will be deeply missed throughout the community.

She leaves behind her children, Leah Nathan, Mulugetta Fratkin, and Masaye Fratkin, two grandchildren, and her husband, Elliot.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Rogers of Norwood and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4277) of John H. Rogers and Michael R. Feeney and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Walpole be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Walpole,—  
liquor  
license.

By Representatives Giannino of Revere and Turco of Winthrop, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4278) of Jessica Ann Giannino and Jeffrey Rosario Turco (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the Revere Retirement Board be authorized to provide creditable service for so-called “reserve time” to certain public safety personnel in said city. To the committee on Public Service.

Revere,—  
public safety  
personnel.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Paper from the Senate.*

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2591) of Paul R. Feeney, F. Jay Barrows, Edward R. Philips and Adam J. Scanlon (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Mansfield to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Mansfield,—  
liquor  
licenses.

*Report of a Committee.*

By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity (House, No. 3670). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Medal of  
Fidelity.

*Emergency Measure.*

The engrossed Bill relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery needs (see House, No. 4269), 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.

COVID-19  
recovery  
needs (ARPA).

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.

*Engrossed Bill.*

The engrossed Bill providing for the appointment of a treasurer-collector in the town of Rehoboth (see House, No. 3970) (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 nine minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (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.