

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Thursday, March 23, 2017.

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.

### *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Representatives Driscoll of Milton, Hecht of Watertown and Lawn of Watertown, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Joseph A. Toscano of Randolph, a married father of five children, and a fire-fighter in the town of Watertown, who tragically died in the line of duty on Friday, March 17, after rushing into a burning single-family home in the town of Watertown. Joseph A. Toscano.

He leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Maureen (McCarthy), and his five children: Alyssa, Patrick, Mary Cate, William and Michael.

### *Guests of the House.*

At the beginning of the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced Ella Morrison of Middleborough. Ella spends much of her time raising money for the fight against childhood cancer. She is the recipient of the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Ella, who was accompanied by her parents, Mark and Gina Morrison of Middleborough, then led the House in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Ella and her parents were the guests of Representative Orrall of Lakeville. Ella Morrison and parents.

### *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives DuBois of Brockton, Cronin of Easton and Cassidy of Brockton) commending the Boston Numismatic Society, Collectors Club of Boston and Currency Club of New England on the celebration of National Coin Week, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. National Coin Week.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Communications.*

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From the Department of Public Health (see Section 2 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) submitting a report summarizing birth data and statistics for the calendar year 2015; Birth data statistics.

Neonatal  
Abstinence  
Syndrome.

From the Interagency Task Force on Newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (see Section 171 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting its final report and plan for the coordination of care and services for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome and substance-exposed newborns;

Substance  
Abuse  
Trust Fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see Item 1595-4510 of Section 2E of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016) submitting quarterly reports of the Substance Abuse Trust Fund for the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2017; and

Health  
Professions  
Trust Fund.

From the Department of Public Health (see Section 35X of Chapter 10 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report for the Quality in Health Professions Trust Fund for fiscal year 2016;

Severally were placed on file.

*Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Brenda  
May,—  
sick leave.

By Representative Donahue of Worcester and Senator Moore, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Daniel M. Donahue and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brenda May, an employee of the Department of Children and Families.

Dogs,—  
neglect.

By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to penalties for neglectful dog ownership.

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

*Paper from the Senate.*

Gail  
Weinberg-  
Kraus,—  
sick leave.

A petition of Karen E. Spilka and Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Gail Weinberg-Kraus, an employee of the Trial Court, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2044) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Reports of Committees.*

For-profit  
schools,—  
tuition  
recovery.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to establishing a student tuition recovery fund for students from certain for-profit schools,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Marijuana  
health and  
safety  
protection  
commission.

By Mr. Kocot of Northampton, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3373) of Hannah Kane and others for legislation to establish the marijuana health and safety protection commission,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Marijuana Policy.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*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.

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At ten minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (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.