

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

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.

### *Resignation of Representative O'Flaherty of Chelsea.*

The following communication (received this day in the office of the Speaker of the House) was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 7, 2014.

Speaker Robert A. DeLeo  
*Massachusetts House of Representatives*  
State House, Room 356  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Speaker DeLeo:

It has been a pleasure to serve as the State Representative for the Second Suffolk District since being sworn in on January 1, 1997. Resignation of  
Representative  
Eugene L.

Kindly accept this correspondence as my resignation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, effective January 31, 2014. O'Flaherty of  
Chelsea.

Very truly yours,

EUGENE L. O'FLAHERTY,  
*State Representative,  
2nd Suffolk District.*

### *Resignation of Representative Reinstein of Revere.*

The following communication (received this day in the office of the Speaker of the House) was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

January 7, 2014.

The Honorable Robert A. DeLeo  
*Speaker of the House*  
The Massachusetts State House, Room 356  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing to notify you that I will resign as State Representative from the 16th Suffolk District effective as of the close of business on January 17, 2014. Resignation of  
Representative  
Kathi-Anne  
Reinstein of  
Revere.

Resignation of Representative Kathi-Anne Reinstein of Revere.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as state representative for the past 15 years.

Very truly yours,

KATHI-ANNE REINSTEIN,  
2nd Assistant Majority Leader,  
State Representative, 16th Suffolk District.

*Resolutions.*

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

Benjamin Gershman.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Barrows of Mansfield and Howitt of Seekonk) congratulating Benjamin Gershman on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Benjamin Meltzer.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) congratulating Benjamin Daniel Meltzer on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Richard Higgins.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Linsky of Natick) congratulating Richard Anthony Higgins on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Gordon F. Kingsley.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Gordon F. Kingsley on his years of service to the town of Wellesley Municipal Light Plant;

Patrick Peterson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Patrick Peterson on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Frank Hudjik.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Scibak of South Hadley and Story of Amherst) congratulating Frank Hudjik on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Granby Democratic Town Committee;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, 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. Speliotis of Danvers, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Orders.*

The following order (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Sixteenth Suffolk Representative District,—vacancy and time for filling of vacancy.

*Ordered,* That the House irrevocably accepts the resignation, dated January 7, 2014 and effective January 17, 2014, of Kathi-Anne Reinstein as the Representative in the General Court from the 16th Suffolk District in Boston, and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of Representative from that district is vacant as of January 17, 2014; and be it further

*Ordered,* That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy that shall exist in the office of Representative in the General Court from said Sixteen Suffolk District shall designate Tuesday, April 1, 2014, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kulik of Worthington, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

The following order (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop) was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

*Ordered*, That the House irrevocably accepts the resignation, dated January 7, 2014 and effective January 31, 2014, of Eugene L. O’Flaherty as the Representative in the General Court from the 2nd Suffolk District in Boston, and declares that, by reason of this resignation, the office of Representative from that district is vacant as of January 31, 2014; and be it further

Second Suffolk Representative District,—vacancy and time for filling of vacancy.

*Ordered*, That, the precept to be issued by the Speaker, under the provisions of Section 141 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, appointing a time for the election to fill the vacancy that shall exist in the office of Representative in the General Court from said Second Suffolk District shall designate Tuesday, April 1, 2014, as the time ordered by the House of Representatives for said election.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

*Petition.*

Representative Koczera of New Bedford and Senator Montigny presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3834) of Robert M. Koczera and Mark C. Montigny (by vote of the town) that the town of Acushnet be authorized to eliminate the board of public works of said town; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Acushnet,—public works.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill permanently establishing a state autism commission (House, No. 3777), ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

State autism commission.

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets, that the Bill providing for capital facility repairs and improvements for the Commonwealth (House, No. 3690), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3835) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$1,110,595,000.00].

Capital facility repairs.

By the same member, for the same committee, that the Bill financing improvements to the Commonwealth’s transportation system (House, No. 3763), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 3836) [Bond Issue: General Obligation Bonds: \$9,438,389,770.00 – Special Obligation Bonds: \$3,100,000,000.00].

Transportation finance.

Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means, with the amendments pending.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

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

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At seventeen 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 day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.