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At two minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the two Houses met in

Joint session of the
two branches.

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and were called to order by the Honorable William N. Brownsberger, who made the following observations:

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the two houses are in joint session for the purpose of considering various proposals for amendment to the Constitution. The matters that have been called for consideration are now seasonably laid before the Joint Session in conformity with the provisions of Articles XLVIII (48) and LXXXI (81) of the Constitution.

The following legislative proposals for amendments to the Constitution were seasonably laid before the joint session for consideration:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to select boards (Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Constitution,-- select
boards.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agriculture and horticultural lands (Senate, No. 13), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Agricultural and
horticultural lands.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (Senate, No. 14), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Rainy day funds,--
supermajority vote.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (Senate, No. 15), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Income tax,-- cap.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights (House, No. 26), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Voting rights.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office (House, No. 33), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Public office,-- oaths
and affirmations.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain takings (House, No. 35), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Eminent domain
taking.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to changing the mandatory age of retirement for judges (House, No. 36), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Judges,-- retirement
age.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agriculture and horticultural lands (House, No. 41), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass.

Agricultural and
horticultural lands.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Edwards, the Joint Session was recessed until October 11, 2023, at eleven o'clock A.M.; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.