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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held on the first Wednesday, being the third day of January, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and the two hundred and forty-eighth of the independence of the United States of America, a quorum of the members of the Senate, elected for a term of two years at an election held on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November in the year 2022, assembled at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in the Senate Chamber, and were called to order by the Honorable William N. Brownsberger.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Petition.

Mr. Tarr presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2544) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ann-Margaret Ferrante (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to poll locations in the city of Gloucester [Local approval received];

Gloucester,-- polling locations.

Under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Election Laws.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Orders Adopted.

On motion of Mr. DiDomenico,--

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Notify House of Representatives.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Durant, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted

Senators Lovely, Crighton and Durant were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Ms. Lovely for the said committee, reported that it had attended to its duty. The committee was discharged.

On motion of Ms. Creem,--

Ordered, That a committee of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives be appointed to wait upon Her Excellency the Governor, Maura T. Healey, Lieutenant-Governor Kim Driscoll and the Honorable Council and inform them that the two branches of the General Court are now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Notification of Governor and Council.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Brady, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Subsequently, Senators Cyr, Keenan and Tarr were appointed the committee.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

Subsequently, the order was returned with the endorsement that the House had concurred and that Representatives Kerans, Garballey, Giannino, Worrell and Gifford were appointed to the committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Cyr, for the said committee, afterwards reported that it had attended to its duty and the committee was discharged.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

On motion of Mr. Barrett,--

Ordered, That the Clerk begin the daily printing of the Journal of the Senate, as authorized by Senate Rule 6, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with; that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journals of the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that a certified copy thereof be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official bound Journal of the Senate.

Printing of the Senate Journal.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Keenan, and the order was considered forthwith and adopted.

Committee of the House.

The Chair (Mr. Brownsberger) welcomed a committee of the House of Representatives that arrived to declare that the House of Representatives was now assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Convening of the House of Representatives.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarr,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in a full formal session and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator at sixteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.