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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, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

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

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Andrew Sears on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

Andrew
Sears.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Hogan of Stow) congratulating Nathan Strahs on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America;

Nathan
Strahs.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary 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. Elliott of Lowell, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of members of the 193rd General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the 192nd General Court, provided that the Speaker of the House shall not be a member of said committee; and provided further that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committee on Rules of the House.

Temporary
Rules
committee.

The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary committee on Rules on the part of the Senate; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The temporary committee on Rules shall be authorized to utilize joint and House committee resources of the various committees having expertise in the subjects referred to them.

The temporary committee on Rules shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Rules shall, upon the appointment of the permanent

committee on Rules, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Ways and Means to consist of members of the 193rd General Court who were members of the committee on Ways and Means at the end of the 192nd General Court, provided that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the House committee on Ways and Means.

Temporary
Ways and
Means
committee.

The temporary House committee on Ways and Means shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary Senate committee on Ways and Means; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the joint committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary committee on Ways and Means shall cease to exist upon the appointment of a permanent committee on Ways and Means; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Ways and Means shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Ways and Means, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 22, prior to the appointment of members to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the Counsel to the House of Representatives shall be authorized to perfect bills and resolves ordered to a third reading by the House or amended by the Senate and resolutions prior to adoption.

House
Counsel,—
perfect
bills.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Galvin of Canton moved that the vote be reconsidered by which the House, on January 4, adopted, in concurrence, the following order:

Temporary
joint rules.

Ordered, That the joint rules observed in the preceding General Court (2021-2022) be observed as the temporary joint rules of the two branches for the present General Court until the adoption of permanent joint rules and that Joint Rule 12 be amended, in line 511, by striking out the word “February” and inserting in place thereof the word “January”; and the motion to reconsider was considered forthwith; and it prevailed.

Pending the recurring question on adoption of the order, in concurrence, the same member moved to amend it by striking out the following: “that Joint Rule 12 be amended, in line 511, by striking out the words ‘third Friday in February’ and inserting in place thereof the words ‘third Friday in January’” and inserting in place thereof the following: “that Joint Rule 12 be amended by striking out, in both instances, the word ‘February’ and inserting in place thereof the word ‘January’”.

The amendment was adopted; and the order, as amended, was adopted, in concurrence. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muradian of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.