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Wednesday, January 30, 2019.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M. 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).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Fathers, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Cold and Chill, Frost and Wind, we ask Your blessings upon all those in our Commonwealth who will be affected by the season's coldest temperatures beginning tonight.

Prayer.

We pray for the safety of those whose occupations take them out into the frigid air for long periods of time.

We pray for our elected officials who come together today for their first formal session. May they work together to advance the welfare of the nearly 7 million residents of our Commonwealth.

We give thanks today for three Union Army Generals who were born in Massachusetts on this day: Edwin Vose Sumner, born in 1797 in Boston; Nathaniel Banks born in 1816 in Waltham who went on to hold several political offices in the Commonwealth; and Oliver Edwards born in 1835 in Springfield.

May their courage and dedication inspire our elected officials this day.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

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 Mr. Honan of Boston) congratulating Patrick Michael Haggan on the joyous and happy occasion of his retirement from the office of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; and

Patrick Haggan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Honan of Boston) recognizing Chief Stephen P. Melia for his outstanding service to the public housing residents of Boston;

Stephen Melia.

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

Communication from Representative Sabadosa of Northampton.

A communication from Representative Sabadosa of Northampton was spread

upon the records of the House, to wit:—

January 29, 2019

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I would like to request the creation of the Medicare for All Caucus. The purpose of the caucus will be to study, discuss, and strategize about the ways in which Medicare for All can successfully be implemented in the Commonwealth. I hope that together we can work to create a healthcare system in the state of Massachusetts that is truly affordable, accessible and universal. Working to make Medicare for All in Massachusetts a reality takes many forms, including holding education sessions in our various districts, which is necessary to include constituents in the legislative process.

Medicare for
All Caucus.

This caucus will be a joint caucus with the Senate. Senator Jamie Eldridge and Senator Joanne Comerford will co-chair it in the Senate. Representative Tami Gouveia and I will co-chair in the House.

Thank you very much for the opportunity and for your time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-722-6317 or by e-mailing Laura.Britton@mahouse.gov

Sincerely,
Lindsay Sabadosa
State Representative, 1st Hampshire District

Communication from Representative Wong of Saugus.

A communication from Representative Wong of Saugus was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

January 25, 2019

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 - State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

I respectfully request the creation of the House Asian Caucus. The purpose of the caucus will be to discuss issues pertinent to the Asian American population and advocate for policy matters that address the needs of the varying communities. The caucus will organize a number of cultural events to showcase the vibrant diversity of the Asian population and highlight the contributions of Asian Americans to the Commonwealth.

Asian
Caucus.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Donald Wong
State Representative – 9th Essex District

*Communication from Representatives Kane of Shrewsbury,
Donahue of Worcester and Schmid of Westport.*

A communication from Representatives Kane of Shrewsbury, Donahue of Worcester and Schmid of Westport was spread upon the records of the House, to wit:—

January 28, 2019

Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Room 145 - State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk,

We write to you today to respectfully request the official creation and recognition of the Food System Caucus. The Food System Caucus shall be a bicameral, bipartisan caucus established to support and grow the local food system in the Commonwealth. The Caucus plans to focus its efforts on addressing the three priority areas of food access and food insecurity, farmland and economic development. It is our shared hope that the creation of this caucus will not only raise the profile of food system issues in our Commonwealth, but that the caucus may advance policy, practices and collaboration relative to food waste and hunger, farming and agriculture, and economic development which may better the quality of life for the citizens of our great Commonwealth. As food system policy touches every geographic region and demographic of Massachusetts, we endeavor to unite our General Court behind this worthy cause.

Food System
Caucus.

Thank you very much for this opportunity. Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our respective offices.

Sincerely,

Hannah Kane
State Representative, 11th Worcester District

Daniel M. Donahue
State Representative, 16th Worcester District

Paul A. Schmid, III
State Representative. 8th Bristol District

Recess.

At six minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed until half past one o'clock P.M.; and at six minutes after two o'clock, the House was called to order with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair.

Recess.

Reports of a Committee.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C), an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Order for the adoption of House Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative session [House, No. 2019] (for order, see House, No. 2023). The order was adopted.

House
Rules,—
procedures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rules 7B and 7C), an Order relative to special procedures for consideration of the House Order for the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative session [House, No. 2021] (for order, see House, No. 2024). The order was adopted.

Joint
Rules,—
procedures.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported that the Order for the adoption of permanent House Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative sessions (House, No. 2019), ought to be adopted.

House
Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith.

Pending the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Jones of North Reading asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mr. Petrolati), having determined that a quorum was not in attendance, then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the presence of a quorum.

Quorum.

Subsequently a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 154 members were recorded as being in attendance.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 1.

[See Yea and Nay No. 1 in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

Subsequently a statement of Ms. Khan of Newton was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that on the previous quorum roll call I was absent from the House Chamber due to a previously scheduled medical appointment.

Statement of
Ms. Khan of
Newton.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Hecht of Watertown moved to amend it in proposed rule 33A, in lines 985, 986 and 987, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“Copies of all bills shall be available, in the form in which they will be considered by the House, to all members of the House and the public at least 72 hours in advance of consideration by the House. The House may consider a bill that has not been so available for at least 72 hours only upon a roll call vote of two-

thirds of House members present and voting. This rule shall not be suspended unless by unanimous consent of the members present.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment (the Speaker having been in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow having returned to the Chair) 55 members voted in the affirmative and 103 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 2 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Hecht then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 33A, in line 993, by adding after the word “amendment.” the following four sentences: “All amendments submitted to the Clerk after a formal session is called to order shall be made available by electronic means to all members of the House and the public; and provided further a duplicate copy of each such amendment shall be distributed to each member’s seat in the chamber. No such amendment shall be considered by the House until the expiration of at least 30 minutes after the amendment shall have been filed with the Clerk and distributed to the members. The House may consider an amendment that has not been so available for at least 30 minutes only upon a roll call vote of two-thirds of House members present and voting. This rule shall not be suspended unless by unanimous consent of the members present.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 47 members voted in the affirmative and 111 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 3 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Hecht then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 17A, in line 475, by inserting after the word “session.” the following sentence: “All testimony at hearings and other written materials submitted to a committee shall be made available to members of the House and the public; provided however a committee may in its rules of procedure establish exceptions for materials of a personal or confidential nature where the person or organization submitting the materials so requests in writing.”; and in lines 488 to 492, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

“(h) Copies of all redrafted bills that are to be voted on at an executive session of a House committee or by electronic poll shall be available to all members of the committee electronically in the form in which they will be considered no less than twenty-four hours prior to their consideration; provided, however, that a committee may vote on a bill that has not been available for said period of time by vote of a majority of the committee members.”; and

In proposed rule 17B, in line 499, by inserting after the word “calls” the words “and electronic polls of committee members”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments (the Speaker having been in the Chair), the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow having returned to the Chair) 49 members voted in the affirmative and 109 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 4 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Dooley of Norfolk then moved to amend the order by adding the following rule:

“101. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all employees

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 2.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 3.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 4.

of the House of Representatives shall have the right to form and organize into a union and shall benefit from collective bargaining. They shall be afforded the same rights as employees of the executive and judicial branches under chapter 150E of the General Laws; and further, shall be permitted 1 hour of paid time each month to meet with their union representative.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 9 members voted in the affirmative and 149 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 5 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett then moved to amend the order by inserting before proposed rule 1 the following rule:

“1. On the first Wednesday of January following a state election, the persons returned and admitted as members into the representatives' chamber shall be called to order by the clerk, who shall act as the presiding officer of the house followed immediately by the administration of their oath of office; the members shall then, as the first order of business, proceed to the election of a speaker by a call of the roll.”;

In line 4 by striking out the figure: “1” and inserting the following: “1A”; and

In line 6 by striking out the following: “1A” and inserting in place thereof the following: “1B”.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentlemen from Boston was not properly before the House for the reason that it was in contradiction with Section 3 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, which states that the members-elect “shall be called to order by the oldest senior member present, who shall be the presiding officer of the house until a speaker is chosen”; and that the procedure delineated in the law must be observed.

In answer to the point of order, the Chair (Mr. Petrolati) stated that Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure, Part I, Section 2, paragraphs 2 and 3, reads that “A house of a state legislature has complete authority concerning its procedure, so far as it is not limited by constitutional provisions”; and that “The constitutional right of a state legislature to control its own procedure cannot be withdrawn or restricted by statute”.

Therefore the Chair stated that since the amendment offered by the gentleman from Mattapoisett pertains specifically to a procedure of the House, that the amendment is properly before the House; and he therefore ruled that the point of order *was not* well taken.

After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 1, in line 5, by inserting after the word “business.” the following two sentences: “If the House has not begun proceedings within 30 minutes of the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the Speaker shall forthwith, and without debate, adjourn or recess the House to a time not earlier than ten o’clock A.M. on the next succeeding calendar day. For the purposes of this rule, proceedings shall mean voting and debate.”. The amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 12, in line 184, by striking out the word “formal”, in lines 199 to 204, inclusive, by striking out the two sentences contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: “Whenever the Clerk prepares a Calendar or advance Calendar under this rule, the Clerk shall also cause a true copy thereof, to be posted on the Legislative Web Page that is generally available to all members and their staff. Reasonably promptly thereafter, but at least one half hour prior to the start of

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 5.

Point of
order.

the session, the Clerk shall cause the members and their staff to be notified of the same by way of electronic mail.”; and by adding the following sentence: “Not less than 15 minutes prior to the convening of each session, the Clerk shall also make available by electronic mail transmission to all members of the House and legislative staff a list of all miscellaneous papers to be considered during the session including, but not limited to, reports of committees, engrossed bills, messages from the Governor and papers from the Senate, provided that the Clerk is in receipt of such papers.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 40 members voted in the affirmative and 118 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 6 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 17, in line 401, by striking out the words “, insofar as practicable”; and in line 402 by inserting after the word “Representatives” the following: “unless the chair of the committee submits to the Clerk a written description of the emergency, as defined by rule 17A, that necessitates such a scheduling and the Clerk makes said description available to the members.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Hill of Ipswich; and on the roll call 35 members voted in the affirmative and 123 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 7 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 16, in lines 249, 250 and 251, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “The committee shall consist of 8 members, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker, 4 of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader.”; and the amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 17 by adding the following paragraph:

“(i) A list of matters and copies of all bills that are to be voted on at an executive session shall be made available to the members of each committee electronically no less 2 hours prior to their consideration. If the committee uses an electronic poll, the poll must stay open for at least 2 hours or until such time all committee members have voted.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Smola of Warren; and on the roll call (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) 44 members voted in the affirmative and 114 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 8 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair,—

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 16 by adding the following sentence: “At the end of each biennial legislative session, the committee shall file a report with the Clerk disclosing the number of complaints received, the number of complaints determined to have merit, the number of complaints determined to be without merit, and the dates of all committee meetings held during the session; provided, that the

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 6.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 7.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 8.

committee's report shall not contain any information sufficient to identify the source of or person named in any complaint received by the committee or any other confidential or personal identifying information.”; and the amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 85A, in lines 1506 and 1507, by striking out the words “and said copies shall be made available to the members and the general public upon request” and inserting in place thereof the following: “and shall be posted online on the General Court website in a clear and conspicuous manner so that it may be easily accessible to the members and the general public”.

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 35 members voted in the affirmative and 123 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 9 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order by inserting after proposed rule 28A the following rule:

“28B. The committee on Ways and Means, shall report every bill it receives to the House with either a recommendation for approval or disapproval. The committee shall have 2 months to report a bill or resolution, or no less than 60 days before the end of the legislative session. The committee shall have 90 days to report the General Appropriations Act. If the committee fails to follow this rule, the bill or resolution may be petitioned out of committee by the original sponsor, and taken up in the House.”.

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough; and on the roll call 33 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 10 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order by inserting after proposed rule 33F the following rule:

“33G. Any amendment in the second degree containing language which would create a study of any part of the subject matter contained in the original amendment, may only be adopted if such further amendment has the express approval of the sponsor of the original amendment. Express approval shall be limited to the original sponsor speaking in favor of the further amendment on the floor of the House during the formal session in which the amendment is offered, provided that such speech is recorded in the Journal of the House, or the filing of the further amendment by the original sponsor. If the original sponsor does not provide express approval of such further amendment, the further amendment may only be adopted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members on a recorded yeas and nays vote.”.

The amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order by inserting after proposed rule 20B the following rule:

“20C. The House shall consider a Resolution no later than March 31 in each year, defining the minimum financial contribution the Commonwealth will make to cities and towns for chapter 70 aid, so called, and unrestricted general government aid for the following fiscal year.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Hill of Ipswich; and on the

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 9.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 10.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay

roll call 32 members voted in the affirmative and 126 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 11 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 33E, in line 1000, by striking out the following: “30 minutes” and inserting in place thereof the following: “1 hour.”

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 32 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 12 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 17B, in lines 498, 499 and 500, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: “All votes by the committee to give any legislation a favorable or adverse report, whether by recorded vote at an executive session or by an electronic poll of the committee, shall be kept in the offices of the committee and shall be posted on the website of the General Court as soon as practicable but no later than 48 hours of the vote being taken.”

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 44 members voted in the affirmative and 113 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 13 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Hill of Ipswich then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 48 by adding the following two paragraphs:

“There shall be a system of remote voting from committee rooms using a mathematical representation of a fingerprint’s characteristics, rather than a photographic image. Members of the House may volunteer to participate in a remote voting program that will allow for recognition of the identity of each member casting votes using such system.

There shall be installed in each hearing room and in the Gardner Auditorium at least one voting station to allow for such voting. Each voting station shall consist of one flat panel color display in each committee room and three voting stations and one flat panel color display in Gardner Auditorium. The display panel shall show a live image of the roll call board and details regarding the question being voted upon by the House. A member of the House attending a hearing being held in a committee room or Gardner Auditorium who is a participant in the remote voting program may, when a roll call is ordered in the House, place his or her finger on either the yeas or the nays device that will be available at each such voting station. The screen at the voting station will immediately indicate the name of the member and the vote of the member and ask for verification. Upon verification by the member casting the vote, the roll call board in the House Chamber will display that member’s vote.”

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 32 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 14 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica then moved to amend the order by adding the

No. 11.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 12.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 13.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 14.

following sentence: “No matters relative to the raising of new revenue shall be considered in a declared informal or formal session without a calendar.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 32 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 15 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Provost of Somerville then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 33A, in line 987, by inserting after the word “House.” the following sentence: “Any shutdown of the electronic Legislature Information System (LIS) for eight or more hours of such period of bill availability, whether by misadventure, or for routine upgrade or maintenance, shall toll the period of bill availability by twenty-four hours for each shutdown of eight hours or more.”. After remarks the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood then moved to amend the order by inserting after proposed rule 18B the following rule:

“18C. No member of the House shall hold, for more than 8 consecutive years, the office of Speaker of the House, except any member who holds such office as of the date of the adoption of this rule.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 43 members voted in the affirmative and 113 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 16 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

The Speaker being in the Chair,—

Mr. Kearney of Scituate then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 100, in line 2075, by striking out the words “non-disclosure or non-disparagement provision of the”, in lines 2078 and 2079, by striking out the words “including any non-disclosure or non-disparagement provision of the agreement”; and by adding the following paragraph:

“The House shall not include or permit a non-disclosure, non-disparagement or other similar clause in an agreement or contact [sic] between the House and a member, officer or employee. The House shall not seek to enforce a non-disclosure, non-disparagement or other similar clause in an existing agreement or contract between the House and a member, officer or employee. This rule shall not be suspended.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 5 members voted in the affirmative and 152 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 17 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair,—

Mr. Kearney then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 20A, in line 709, by inserting after the word “amendment” the words “and with the consent of any and all secondary sponsors”; and

In proposed rule 33A by adding the following sentence: “Any amendment may be withdrawn at the request of the primary sponsor of the amendment and with the consent of any and all secondary sponsors.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 15.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 16.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 17.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay

roll call 5 members voted in the affirmative and 152 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 18 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Ms. Malia of Boston then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 13A, in line 210, by inserting after the word “all” the words “dockets and”; and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Holmes of Boston then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 17C by inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph:

“The committee shall publish the establish standards for the allocation of office space as equitably as possible among the various members and joint and standing committees on the part of the House and their respective staff. Such standards shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Human Resources and the EEO Officer prior to taking effect, and the Director and EEO Officer shall have the authority to recommend changes to the standards.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 11 members voted in the affirmative and 146 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 19 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Ms. Provost of Somerville then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 7B, in line 1109, by striking out the word “House.” and inserting in place thereof the words “House, provided that the time during which amendments to any bill shall be considered in order shall not be less than twenty-four hours,”; and

In proposed rule 33A, in line 987, by inserting after the word “House.” the following sentence: “The time during which amendments to any bill shall be considered in order shall not be less than twenty-four hours.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendments, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 44 members voted in the affirmative and 113 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 20 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Holmes of Boston then moved to amend the order by adding the following rule:

“101. The Director of Human Resources and the EEO Officer shall develop a proposal for the equitable compensation of all House members. Compensation shall be construed broadly to include all forms of remuneration related to membership in the House. The proposal shall consider, without limitation:- the payment of any compensation in addition to the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII; the number of employees assigned to each member; the allocation of travel or leadership opportunities by the Speaker or Minority Leader or other member of the majority or minority party; and the assignment of office space. The proposal shall list all inequities identified by the Director and EEO Officer and include specific recommendations to remediate those inequities. The Director and the EEO Officer shall submit the proposal for the equitable compensation of all House members to the Committee on Rules no later than November 15, 2020. The Committee on Rules shall submit recommendation for legislation to implement the recommendation of said committee with the clerk of the House of Representatives no later than February 1, 2021.”.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the

No. 18.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 19.

Amendments
rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 20.

Amendment
rejected,—
yea and nay

roll call 5 members voted in the affirmative and 152 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 21 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 20A, in line 696, by striking out the figure: “3” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “5”; and after debate the amendment was rejected, by a vote of 33 to 90.

Mr. Galvin of Canton then moved to amend the order in Rule 100, in line 2090, by striking out the following: “the party described in paragraph numbered 1 above or”; and in line 2092 by striking out the words “the effective date of this Rule” and inserting in place thereof the date: “March 1, 2018”; and the amendments were adopted.

On the question on adoption of the order, as amended, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Galvin of Canton; and on the roll call 125 members voted in the affirmative and 32 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 22 in Supplement.]

Therefore the order (House, No. 2020) was adopted.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported that the Order for the adoption of permanent Joint Rules for the 191st General Court governing the 2019-2020 legislative sessions (House, No. 2021), ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the order was considered forthwith.

On the question on adoption of the order, Mr. Dooley of Norfolk moved to amend it by adding the following rule:

“Rule 38. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all employees of the General Court shall have the right to form and organize into a union and shall benefit from collective bargaining. They shall be afforded the same rights as employees of the executive and judicial branches under chapter 150E of the General Laws; and further, shall be permitted 1 hour of paid time each month to meet with their union representative.”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Hill of Ipswich then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 10, in line 428, by inserting after the word “Court.” the following sentence: “Notwithstanding the previous sentence, all joint committees shall make final report on all petitions filed or approved by the voters of a city or town, or the mayor and city council, or other legislative body of a city, or the town meeting of a town, with respect to a law relating to that city or town, within 45 days of receiving them.”. The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 1D, in line 149, by inserting after the word “hours.” the following two sentences: “A list of matters and copies of all bills that are to be voted on at an executive session shall be made available to the members of each committee electronically no less 2 hours prior to their consideration. If the committee uses an electronic poll, the poll must stay open for at least 2 hours or until such time all committee members have voted.”. The amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order by adding the following rule:

“Joint Rule 38. Not later than March 31st of each year, the house and senate shall approve a joint resolution declaring the minimum amount of aid to be distributed to the cities and towns of the commonwealth in the upcoming fiscal year.

No. 21.

Order
adopted—
yea and nay
No. 22.

Joint
Rules.

Said resolution shall declare the minimum amount of chapter 70 aid, so called, and unrestricted general government aid to be received by each city, town or school district.”.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order by adding at the end of proposed Rule 11 the following sentence: “Any further amendment to a bill that has been previously engrossed by each branch shall be made available to the members at least 2 hours prior to consideration.”; and the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading, and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 11B, in line 494, by striking out the figure: “8” and inserting in place thereof the figure: “5”; and the amendment was rejected.

The same members then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 11, in lines 462 to 467, inclusive, by striking out the paragraph contained in those lines.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 23 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jones and other members of the House then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 4, in line 291, by inserting after the word “hours.” the following sentence: “Such roll calls shall be posted on the Legislative Web Page by the Clerks of the two branches.”.

On the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Hill of Ipswich; and on the roll call 47 members voted in the affirmative and 110 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 24 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Lombardo of Billerica then moved to amend the order in proposed rule 32 by adding the following sentence: “Informal sessions of the House and Senate shall be broadcast in the same manner and format as formal sessions”.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of the same member; and on the roll call 36 members voted in the affirmative and 121 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 25 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

On the question on adoption of the order, as amended, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays at the request of Mr. Galvin of Canton; and on the roll call 157 members voted in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 26 in Supplement.]

Therefore the order (House, No. 2021, amended) was adopted. 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 tomorrow at eleven o’clock A.M.

Amendment adopted,—
yea and nay
No. 23.

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 24.

Amendment rejected,—
yea and nay
No. 25.

Order adopted—
yea and nay
No. 26.

Next sitting.

At five minutes after eight o'clock P.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.