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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021.**

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Thursday, January 14, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington 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. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *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 192nd General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the 191st 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  
committee  
on Rules.

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.

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 192nd General Court who were members of the committee on Ways and Means at the end of the 191st 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  
committee on  
Ways and  
Means.

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.

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.

*Petition.*

Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Chandler presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 54) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and Harriette L. Chandler for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for George Monfreda, an employee of the Department of Mental Health; and the same was referred, to the temporary committee on Rules.

George  
Monfreda,—  
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for George Monfreda, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 54), which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading Mrs. Ferguson of Holden moved to amend it by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of mental health, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 54, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next  
sitting.

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At twenty-one before twelve o’clock noon, on motion of Mr. Philips of Sharon (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.