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Met according to adjournment at a quarter before 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.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

Notice was received that the Republican Caucus had ratified the appointments by the Minority Leader of Representatives Hill of Ipswich to the position of First Assistant Minority Leader, Ferguson of Holden to the position of Second Assistant Minority Leader, Gifford of Wareham to the position of Third Assistant Minority Leader, Frost of Auburn to the position of Third Assistant Minority Leader and Smola of Warren as the ranking minority party member on the committee on Ways and Means.

Assistant
minority
leaders and
ranking
Ways and
Means member.

Petition.

Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 58) of Steven G. Xiarhos and Susan L. Moran for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Richard Gurney, an employee of the Department of Correction; and the same was referred, to the temporary committee on Rules.

Richard
Gurney,—
sick leave.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Gurney, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (House, No. 58), which was read.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Tucker of Salem, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under further suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the bill (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time, its title having been changed by House Counsel to read: "An Act establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Gurney, an employee of the Department of Correction."

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Jones 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 correction, 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. 58, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the two branches met in

Joint Session
of the two
branches.

CONVENTION

in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Councillor-elect from the Eighth Councillor District, Mary E. Hurley, and were called to order by the Honorable Walter F. Timilty, having been appointed by the President, to perform the duties of the Chair.

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

Pledge of
allegiance.

Before the Acting President of the Senate (Mr. Timilty), and in the presence of the two Houses of Assembly, the oaths and affirmations of office was then administered to, and subscribed by, Mary E. Hurley of East Longmeadow as Councillor, at fourteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M.

Executive
Councillor,—
oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Garballey of Arlington, at sixteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Called to
order.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee,—
Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to His Excellency the Governor that Mary E. Hurley of East Longmeadow had been duly elected and qualified as a Councillor to advise him in the Executive part of the government.

Governor
notified of
Councillor
qualification.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at two o'clock P.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Carey of Easthampton (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at two o'clock P.M.