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Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Met at twelve minute after two o'clock P.M., under emergency rules.

At the request of the Speaker, the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Appointment of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced he had appointed William Burke, Director of Research of Beacon Hill Institute, to the Tax Expenditure Commission (established under Section 14 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws), replacing former Representative Randy Hunt of Sandwich, who had previously served on the Commission.

Tax Expenditure
Commission.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox) recognizing February 23, 2021, as W.E.B. Du Bois Legacy Day, were referred under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules.

W.E.B. Du Bois
Legacy Day.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Moran of Boston, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the temporary committee on Rules, reported (under the provisions of House Rule 7C) an Order relative to amendments to the Temporary Emergency House Rules (House, No. 59). The order was adopted.

Emergency
Rules.

An Order (filed this day by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) relative to a study of the rules of the House, was referred, under Rule 24, to the temporary committee on Rules.

House Rules,—
study.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. The order (House, No. 60), was considered forthwith, there being no objection; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That House petitions filed for the 192nd General Court be open for co-sponsoring until reported by the initial committee to which the petition is referred; provided, however, that a report of a committee asking to be discharged from further consideration of a petition, shall not be considered to be a report for the purposes of

Petitions,—
co-sponsoring.

this order, and that the committee to which it is referred shall be considered to be the initial committee.

Quorum.

As required under the provision of Emergency Rule 2(4), a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 158 members were recorded as being in attendance.

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

Therefore a quorum was present.

Quorum,—
yea and nay
No. 1.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (Senate, No. 9) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read.

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

Under further suspension of the rules, on motion of the same member, the bill (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Golden; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.

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

Therefore the bill (Senate, No. 9) then was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Climate
policy.

Bill passed to
be engrossed,—
yea and nay
No. 2.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (see Senate, No. 9) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was put upon its final passage.

On the question on passing the bill to be enacted, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, as required by Emergency Rule 2; and on the roll call 144 members voted in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.

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

Therefore the bill was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Climate
policy.

Bill
enacted,—
yea and nay
No. 3.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Wagner of Chicopee,—

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

Next
sitting.

At twenty-five minutes before four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Jones of North Reading, the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.