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Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Met at ten minutes after 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.

Communication from Representative Ferrante of Gloucester.

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

February 17, 2021.

Steven T. James
Clerk, House of Representatives
24 Beacon Street, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. James,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to be present for the remote session on January 28, 2021 during which a vote was taken on S.9 An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy.

Statement of
Ms. Ferrante
of Gloucester.

If I were able to be present, I would have voted in support of the legislation, consistent with my votes on the matter when it was previously taken up by the House on July 31, 2020 and January 4, 2021. In lieu of my affirmative vote, I ask that this letter be placed in the records of the House of Representatives.

Thank you for the work that you and your staff are doing to ensure the continued operation of the House during this pandemic. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you require anything further.

Sincerely,



Ann-Margaret Ferrante
State Representative, 5th Essex.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

That William G. Brooks III of Norwood had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Section 105 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to conduct a study on government use of facial recognition technology in the Commonwealth;

Facial recognition technology.

That Representative Kane of Shrewsbury had been appointed as his designee to the Rare Disease Advisory Council established (under Section 26 of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020) to advise the Governor, the General Court and the department on the incidence of rare disease within the Commonwealth and the status of the rare disease community;

Rare Disease Advisory Council.

That Representative Muratore of Plymouth had been appointed as his designee to the permanent commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities established (under Section 1 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to advance the cause of all persons with disabilities in the Commonwealth;

Status of Persons with Disabilities

That Representative Vieira of Falmouth had been appointed as his designee to the special legislative Early Education and Care Economic Review Commission established (under Section 106 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to review how childcare programming is funded in the Commonwealth and to make recommendations for potential legislative changes in funding and related policies as the commission deems appropriate; and

Early Education and Care Economic Review.

That Representative Whelan of Brewster had been appointed as his designee to the special commission established (under Section 107 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to study and examine the civil service law, personnel administration rules, hiring procedures and by-laws for municipalities not subject to the civil service law and state police hiring practices.

Cities and towns,—
police hiring, etc.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Order relative to continuation of service of the House and Senate chairs of the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs as the House and Senate chairs of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home investigation (House, No. 65), came from the Senate, adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment in lines 3, 4 and 5, striking out the words "as the Senate chair of the joint committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs for the 191st session of the General Court shall continue to" and inserting in place thereof the words "by the President of the Senate shall". Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Holyoke Soldiers' Home.

Orders.

An Order (filed this day by Speaker Mariano of Quincy) relative to establishing a special joint committee for Redistricting (House, No. 66), was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Redistricting committee.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mrs. Kane of Shrewsbury, the order (House, No. 66), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday
next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representative Tyler of Boston then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of Doris Bunte, a member of the House from Boston from 1973 to 1985, inclusive; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-four minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Barrows of Mansfield (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.