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Monday, February 22, 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.

## *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Portuguese Times;

Portuguese  
Times.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kane of Shrewsbury, Ashe of Longmeadow and McKenna of Webster) recognizing February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as Rare Disease Day;

Rare  
Disease  
Day.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Anish Raj Gundimeda on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Anish  
Gundimeda.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Saiteja Thirakala on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Saiteja  
Thirakala.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Petition.*

Representative Tyler of Boston presented a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 67) of Chynah Tyler and Martin J. Walsh (with the approval of mayor and city council) relative to a special municipal election for a vacancy in the office of Mayor in the city of Boston; and the same was referred, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, to the committee on Rules.

Boston,—  
mayoral  
election.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, then reported, on the foregoing petition, a Bill relative to the office of Mayor in the city of Boston (House, No. 67) [Local Approval Received], which was read. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater, 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. Wong of Saugus, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court (Senate, No. 15) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Michael L. Rodrigues,—  
sick leave.

Petitions deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate prior to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021, which had been referred by the Senate this day, to joint committees, were presented; and the House severally concurred in the references, as follows:

By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 16) of James B. Eldridge for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish an independent redistricting commission;

Redistricting,—  
commission.

By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 17) of Walter Ziobro for a legislative amendment to the Constitution specifying the method of apportioning the General Court; and

General Court,—  
apportionment.

By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 18) of Adam G. Hinds for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights;

Voting,—  
rights.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Lewis (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 19) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for term renewal process;

Judiciary,—  
terms.

By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 20) of Cynthia Stone Creem for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions; and

Initiative petitions.

By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 21) of Adam G. Hinds for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to equity in state policy;

State policy,—  
equity.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 22) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to require a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds; and

Rainy day fund,—  
utilization.

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 23) of Bruce E. Tarr for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax;

Income tax,—  
cap.

Severally to the committee on Revenue.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next sitting.

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At twenty-one minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. D'Emilia of Bridgewater (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.