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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.

Petitions.

Petitions (deposited with the Clerk previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) were presented and they were severally referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 74) of Mindy Domb, Chynah Tyler and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to voting rights;

Voting
rights.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 75) of Paul W. Mark and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to no fault absentee voting; and

Absentee
voting.

By Mr. Moran of Boston, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 76) of Michael J. Moran and Kevin G. Honan for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for no excuse absentee voting;

Id.

Severally to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 77) of Michael S. Day and Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to establish the right to health care. To the committee on Health Care Financing.

Health
care.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 78) of Michael S. Day and Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a Constitutional right to housing. To the committee on Housing.

Housing.

By Ms. Domb of Amherst, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 79) of Mindy Domb and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to use of gender in the Constitution of the Commonwealth;

Gender.

By the same member, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 80) of Mindy Domb and others for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office;

Public
office.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 81) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and James K. Hawkins for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to term limits for judges;

Judges,—
term limits.

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 82) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Susan Williams Gifford for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings;

Eminent
domain.

By Mr. Kearney of Scituate (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 83) of Sabrina Holland for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to equal protection of the laws; and

Equal protection.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 84) of Paul W. Mark and Susannah M. Whipps for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to a succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant-Governor;

Lieutenant-Governor,—vacancy.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham (by request), a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 85) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for a proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for a Constitutional right to employable skills training. To the committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

Employable skills training.

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by proposal, House, No. 86) of James J. O'Day and Sean Garballey for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars. To the committee on Revenue.

Income tax.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A message from His Excellency the Governor (pursuant to Article II, Section 8 of Article LXXXIX of the Amendments to the Constitution) recommending legislation validating the results of the annual town election held in the town of Hubbardston (Senate, No. 24), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Hubbardston,—town election.

A petition (accompanied by proposal, Senate, No. 25) of Sabrina Holland for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to amend articles of the Constitution to expand equal rights (having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Senate prior to five o'clock P.M. on Friday, February 19, 2021), was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Judiciary.

Equal rights.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill further providing for early voting by mail (House, No. 71), ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (House, No. 73). Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Early voting.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading, with the amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means pending.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was considered forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the substituted bill was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under 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.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House, No. 56, a Bill providing for the terms of certain bonds to be issued by the Commonwealth (House, No. 72). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Bonds—
terms.

Mr. Honan of Boston, for said committee, then reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under 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.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michael L. Rodrigues, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 15), be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Michael
Rodrigues,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

At a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at sixteen minutes before one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

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

Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.