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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford 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. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Members to be Qualified.

The Chair announced the appointment of Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Peisch of Wellesley and Wong of Saugus as a special committee of the House to conduct Representatives-elect Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District and Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester, member-elect from the Fifth Essex District, to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Representatives
Carol A. Doherty
and Ann-Margaret
Ferrante,—
qualification.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of members of the 194th General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the 193rd General Court, provided that the Speaker of the House shall not be a member of said committee; and provided further that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committee on Rules of the House.

Temporary
committee
on Rules.

The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary committee on Rules on the part of the Senate; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The temporary committee on Rules shall be authorized to utilize joint and House committee resources of the various committees having expertise in the subjects referred to them.

The temporary committee on Rules shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Rules shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Ways and Means to consist of members of the 194th General Court who were members of the committee on Ways and Means at the end of the 193rd General Court, provided that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the House committee on Ways and Means.

Temporary committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary House committee on Ways and Means shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary Senate committee on Ways and Means; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the joint committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary committee on Ways and Means shall cease to exist upon the appointment of a permanent committee on Ways and Means; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Ways and Means shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Ways and Means, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Ways and Means.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 22, prior to the appointment of members to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the Counsel to the House of Representatives shall be authorized to perfect bills and resolves ordered to a third reading by the House or amended by the Senate and resolutions prior to adoption.

House Counsel,— perfect bills.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

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 seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.