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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE**  
**IN JOINT SESSION.**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025.**

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At two minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

Joint Session.

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and were called to order by the Honorable Brendan P. Crighton, who made the following observations:

The Chair (Mr. Crighton), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge.

Pursuant to an order previously adopted, the two houses are in joint session for the purpose of considering various proposals for amendment to the Constitution. The matters that have been called for consideration are now seasonably laid before the Joint Session in conformity with the provisions of Articles XLVIII (48) and LXXXI (81) of the Constitution.

The following legislative proposals for amendments to the Constitution were seasonably laid before the joint session for consideration:

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands (see Senate, No. 11), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (see Senate, No. 12), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Income tax,—cap.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 13), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass.

Rainy day funds,—supermajority vote.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at three minutes past twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Cronin, the joint session was recessed until Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at twelve o'clock noon; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.