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At four minutes past one o'clock P.M, the two branches met in

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and were called to order by the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, who made the following observations:

“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 initiative proposal and legislative proposals for amendments to the Constitution were seasonably laid before the joint session for consideration:

Proposal for an Initiative amendment to the Constitution to provide resources for education and transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of one million dollars (see Senate, No. 10 of 2017), having received, in joint session, the affirmative votes of not less than one-fourth of all members elected [see House, No. 3933, of 2016], has been referred, in accordance with Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, to the present General Court;

Incomes,--
additional tax.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution establishing an independent redistricting commission (see Senate, No. 11), with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Independent
redistricting
commission.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain (see Senate, No. 14), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Eminent domain.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (see Senate, No. 15), with reference to which the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Rainy Day Fund,--
utilization.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to creating an independent redistricting commission (House, No. 59),— with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Independent
redistricting
commission.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution amendment relative to term limits for judges (House, No. 61),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Judges,--
term limits

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to prohibiting eminent domain takings (House, No. 62),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Eminent domain.

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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to declare rights afforded to the human inhabitants of the Commonwealth are not applicable to corporations, limited liability companies or any other corporate entities (House, No. 63),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to define the succession plan for a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant-Governor (see House, No. 64),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought NOT to pass; and

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the subject matter of initiative petitions (House, No. 65),— with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported, in accordance with Joint Rule 23, that the amendment ought to pass, with an amendment substituting therefor a bill with the same title (Senate, No. 2055).

Without action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, on motion of Ms. Chandler, at five minutes past one o'clock P.M., the joint session was recessed until one o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, June 14, 2017; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Corporations.

Lieutenant-Governor,-- vacancy.

Initiative petitions.