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Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

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

Joint session of the two branches.

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and were called to order by the Honorable William N. Brownsberger, 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 legislative proposals for amendments to the Constitution were seasonably laid before the joint session for consideration:

Proposal 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 (Senate, No. 5), having received, in joint session, the affirmative votes of a majority of all members elected to the preceding General Court [see House, No. 86 of 2019], has been referred, in accordance with Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, to the present General Court;

Millionaire's tax.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds (Senate, No. 22), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Rainy day funds,-- supermajority vote.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to cap the state income tax (Senate, No. 23), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported, recommending that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Income tax,-- cap.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to select boards (Senate, No. 2440), with reference to which the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government has reported, ought to pass;

Constitution,-- select boards.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to provide for no excuse absentee voting (House, No. 76),-- with reference to which the committee on Election Laws has reported that the amendment ought to pass [Representative Dooley of Norfolk dissenting];

Absentee voting.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the oaths and affirmations of public office (House, No. 80), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought to pass;

Public office,-- oaths.

Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution prohibiting eminent domain takings (House, No. 82), with reference to which the committee on the Judiciary has reported that the amendment ought NOT to pass;

Eminent domain.

Proposal 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 (House, No. 86), the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass; and

Millionaire's tax.

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Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to agricultural and horticultural lands (House, No. 91), with reference to which the committee on Revenue has reported that the amendment ought to pass.

Agricultural and horticultural lands.

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

Pledge of allegiance.

Without further action on the matters duly and constitutionally assigned for consideration, at five minutes past one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the Joint Session was recessed until Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at one o'clock P.M.; and the Senate withdrew from the House Chamber under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.