

HOUSE No. 973.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Gamaliel Bradford for legislation to provide for an amendment of the constitution relative to the appointment and removal of certain state officials; for a law relative to the consideration of special messages from the governor; and to provide that certain heads of departments shall be entitled to seats and certain other privileges in the Senate and House of Representatives. Constitutional Amendments. February 5.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to the Consideration by the General Court of Special Messages from the Governor, and to provide that Certain Heads of Departments shall be entitled to Seats and Certain Other Privileges in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Whenever the governor shall transmit to
- 2 the legislature by special message any formal proposal
- 3 for legislation, the same shall take precedence, so far as
- 4 is consistent with the rules, of all other legislative busi-

5 ness and shall receive consideration in public session by
6 the house or senate or both as speedily as circumstances
7 will permit.

1 SECTION 2. On and after the passage of this act, the
2 heads of such chief executive departments, as the legis-
3 lature may determine, shall, on certain prescribed days
4 be admitted to seats without vote in either house of the
5 legislature, with the right to initiate and debate measures
6 of legislation and the duty of answering questions, upon
7 notice given, with reference to the affairs of their respec-
8 tive departments.