

To our Massachusetts legislators:

The unconstitutional “Informal Sessions” need to stop.

This criminal activity against the Commonwealth has gone on for too long.

After today (July 31) you are all planning to go home until January, 2025. No more “formal sessions” in the House or Senate. All of the remaining official legislative business will be done in so-called “informal sessions” (the way much of it is done during the rest of the year).

As you know, an informal session where two or three Reps or Senators (sometimes just one!) meet and pass dozens of bills before an empty chamber. They pretend that there’s a quorum, but of course there isn’t. This generally happen two or three times every week. No other Legislature in the country does anything as blatantly offensive and illegal as this.

The Massachusetts Constitution is very clear. The House and Senate each need half its members present to conduct business. Period. Not a pretend quorum but an actual quorum.

That is why a Rep or Senator can walk into any informal session and say **“I doubt the presence of a quorum” and it stops.** Last December the Republicans did it because the Democrats were pushing illegal alien funding through an informal session. And it’s been stopped many times for other reasons. But basically, there’s a gentleman’s agreement between the Republicans and Democrats to keep this odious scam alive because it benefits all of them.

The excuse is that only “non-controversial” bills are voted on during informal sessions. But even that’s a lie. On June 3, for example, a House informal session voted to move forward an anti-gun bill and an LGBT bill to protect obscene material in schools. These were both very controversial. And those are just two of many. **But there is no justification for willfully violating the Constitution.**

Let’s be clear: Informal sessions are done so our elected officials don’t have to “waste” their time having to do the work they were elected to do.

But our legislators have had plenty of time this year to do the will of the powerful special interests that converge on the State House. Our legislators have spent over a billion dollars housing and feeding thousands of illegal immigrants. They’re giving free college tuition to illegal immigrants. They’ve catered to the LGBT lobby by requiring their full agenda be taught in schools – and by changing the definition of parents (and allowing surrogates to sell babies). They’ve passed frightening laws to please the radical abortion lobby. They’ve passed an absurd and extreme anti-gun bill that will do nothing to stop the criminals who are killing people. And so much more. **None of it is done because the average person asked for it.**

Wouldn’t we all love a paid vacation from August to January! Guess what? Your free time is about to end. The people of the Commonwealth are going to make you go back to *their* work!