

By Mr. Richter of Brookline, petition of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce, Inc., for appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study of building laws of the Commonwealth and a modern building code. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE BUILDING LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OF DRAFTING A BUILDING CODE.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of one member of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, three persons to be appointed by the gover-
6 nor, is hereby established for the purpose of making
7 an investigation and study of the building laws of the
8 commonwealth and of drafting a building code which
9 will be in harmony with the modern conception of
10 building and construction in order that the laws per-
11 taining thereto may be made uniform throughout the
12 commonwealth and thereby facilitate the erection of
13 buildings and homes of all types. Said commission
14 shall study building laws and codes in other states,
15 shall consult with recognized specialists in the field of

16 building and construction, and shall give special
17 attention to the problems now existing in the building
18 and construction trades incident to and arising out of
19 building laws and requirements as they at present
20 exist. Said commission may hold hearings, shall be
21 provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere,
22 and may expend for clerical and other expenses such
23 sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate twenty-five
24 hundred dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated
25 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general
26 court the results of its investigation and study, and
27 the building code drafted by it, by filing the same with
28 the clerk of the house of representatives on or before
29 the first Wednesday in December in the year nineteen
30 hundred and forty-nine.