

By Mr. Lamson, petition of Harry B. Coholon, Executive Secretary, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, Fred Lamson and others that provision be made for an examination of discretionary actions and orders of department heads relating to business, industry and agriculture. State Administration.

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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

RESOLVE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE  
OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1 WHEREAS, business climate is the net result of all outside  
2 conditions affecting the cost and ease of operating a business;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, these conditions are to a substantial degree origi-  
5 nated and developed at the state government level, maintaining  
6 and improving them requires:

- 7 1) Fair and equitable treatment in general legislation and  
8 administrative regulation for all segments of Massachu-  
9 setts' economy.
- 10 2) A framework of government the support of which does  
11 not nullify in any degree the competitive advantages  
12 which this Commonwealth has over other states of sim-  
13 ilar industrialization and favorable climate.
- 14 3) Equitable tax and financial policies; and the restriction  
15 of the cost of government in providing necessary serv-  
16 ices to levels reasonably competitive with those of  
17 similar states.
- 18 4) Fair treatment for all in legislation and administration  
19 of labor management relations affairs.
- 20 5) Fostering, in the public interest, an economic atmos-  
21 phere which will enable Massachusetts industry to com-  
22 pete for out-of-state markets, remembering that wide  
23 marketing of Massachusetts products brings wealth into  
24 the Commonwealth, thereby raising the standard of  
25 living of all our people; and

26 WHEREAS, Massachusetts has experienced a period of change  
27 in its economic make-up, involving shifts in some of its basic  
28 industries; and

29 WHEREAS, expansion of present industries and development  
30 of new industries is needed to build a larger base which will  
31 provide more job opportunities and payrolls for an increasing  
32 labor force; and

33 WHEREAS, healthy industrialization broadens the tax base,  
34 thereby providing much needed revenues for community facili-  
35 ties and government services for all our people; and

36 WHEREAS, industry is this Commonwealth's only major re-  
37 source providing nearly one half of the Commonwealth's non-  
38 government jobs and support for a majority of the service and  
39 retail businesses through its needs and payrolls; and

40 WHEREAS, in this era of rapid industrial expansion and relo-  
41 cation throughout the United States, industries, selecting loca-  
42 tions, are vitally concerned about the relative business cli-  
43 mate among the states; and improvement of the Massachu-  
44 setts business climate is in the public interest and can be ac-  
45 complished to the advantage of all groups and citizens in the  
46 Commonwealth.

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Court of  
48 Massachusetts that this legislature shall examine all proposed  
49 legislation relating to business, industry, and agriculture in  
50 terms of its effect upon the business climate of the Common-  
51 wealth, and shall determine whether such legislation may have  
52 any future discriminating or deterring effect upon the invest-  
53 ment of capital and the creation of needed payrolls in Massa-  
54 chusetts, and be it further

55 RESOLVED, that the members of this General Court hereby  
56 request the Governor and the directors of each department in  
57 the Commonwealth's government to examine their own discre-  
58 tionary actions and orders in any way relating to business, in-  
59 dustry, and agriculture in terms of the effect of such gov-  
60 ernmental action upon the business climate in Massachusetts,  
61 and be it further

62 RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth of  
63 Massachusetts is hereby directed to transmit suitable copies of

64 this resolution to the Governor, the Comptroller, the Treas-  
65 urer, and to each director or head of every department in the  
66 government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

