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By Mr. Cappucci of Boston, petition of Enrico Cappucci for appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make a comprehensive investigation of the financial relations of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and its holding companies. Power and Light.

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### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to  
2 consist of two members of the senate to be desig-  
3 nated by the president thereof, three members of the  
4 house of representatives to be designated by the  
5 speaker thereof, two persons to be appointed by the  
6 governor, with the advice and consent of the council,  
7 is hereby established for the purpose of making a  
8 comprehensive investigation and study relative to  
9 the financial relations of the New England Tele-  
10 phone and Telegraph Company and its holding  
11 companies, by examining the books and records of  
12 the said New England Telephone and Telegraph  
13 Company; to determine the manner in which its  
14 assets and stock are appraised from year to year;  
15 to ascertain by what means or methods its equip-  
16 ment costs are computed; and to ascertain the proc-

17 esses or methods employed in fixing the rates or  
18 charges for toll calls and to investigate and study  
19 all related matters, with a view to causing a reduc-  
20 tion in the rates charged for toll calls and the use of  
21 the service generally. The commission shall hold  
22 public hearings, shall be provided with quarters in  
23 the state house or elsewhere, and may expend, with  
24 the approval of the governor and council, for clerical  
25 and other services and expenses, such sums, not ex-  
26 ceeding, in the aggregate, five thousand dollars, as  
27 may hereafter be appropriated. The commission  
28 shall report to the general court the results of its in-  
29 vestigation, and its recommendations, if any, together  
30 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-  
31 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the  
32 clerk of the house on or before the first Wednesday  
33 of December in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-  
34 eight.