

HOUSE No. 1511

By Mr. Schlapp of Methuen, petition of Raymond W. Schlapp that Congress be memorialized to review and modernize the procedure in courts martial in branches of the military and naval service of the United States. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO REVIEW AND
MODERNIZE THE PROCEDURE IN COURTS MARTIAL IN ALL
BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE OF
THE UNITED STATES.

1 *Whereas*, The procedure in courts martial in the
2 several branches of the military and naval service of
3 the United States should be simple, expeditious and
4 just; and

5 *Whereas*, It has been suggested that said procedure
6 is antiquated, cumbersome, complex and unjust;
7 therefore be it

8 *Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts
9 hereby respectfully requests that the Congress of the
10 United States speedily enact such legislation or take
11 such other action as may be appropriate to study and
12 review the entire procedure and machinery of court
13 martial proceedings in all of the branches of the mili-
14 tary and naval service of the United States with a
15 view to simplifying, modifying and modernizing such

16 procedure and machinery in such manner as to make
17 the same more in harmony with and conformable to
18 the procedure and machinery of the criminal courts of
19 the United States; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be trans-
21 mitted forthwith by the state secretary to the presi-
22 dent of the United States, to the presiding officers of
23 each branch of Congress, and to the members thereof
24 from this commonwealth.