

HOUSE No. 1615

By Mr. Schlapp of Methuen, petition of Raymond W. Schlapp for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate and study the welfare laws and the advisability of changing the names of the Department of Public Welfare and the Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE WELFARE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE ADVISABILITY OF CHANGING THE NAMES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE AID AND PENSIONS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, five members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and three members to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of
7 making an investigation and study of the welfare
8 laws of the commonwealth, with a view to making
9 such changes in such laws and additions thereto as
10 it may deem necessary or advisable and further to
11 determine the advisability of changing the name of
12 the department of public welfare to the department
13 of social security or some similar name not containing

14 the word "welfare" and also the name of the com-
15 missioner of state aid and pensions to the commis-
16 sioner of social security or some similar name. Said
17 commission may expend for clerical and other services
18 and expenses such sums, not exceeding in the aggre-
19 gate, _____ dollars, as may hereafter be
20 appropriated therefor. Said commission shall report
21 to the general court the results of its investigation
22 and study, and its recommendations, if any, together
23 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry said
24 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
25 the clerk of the house of representatives not later
26 than the fifteenth day of April in the current year.