

SENATE No. 484

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 12, 1947.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1492) of Frederick J. McLanglin for legislation to establish a wage scale for members of the police department of the city of New Bedford, report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 484).

For the committee,

RALPH LERCHE.

[Representative JOHNSON of Brockton dissents.]

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF
NEW BEDFORD.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 Upon petition signed by eighty per cent or more
2 of the regular permanent members of the police de-
3 partment of the city of New Bedford, containing a
4 schedule of salaries proposed for the several grades of
5 said department, filed with the city clerk of said city
6 not later than sixty days prior to the regular municipal
7 election in said city in the current year, there shall be
8 placed upon the official ballot to be used at said elec-
9 tion the following question: — “Shall the compensa-
10 tion of the members of the police department of the
11 city of New Bedford be established as provided in the
12 following schedule?

Chief	\$
Deputy chief	
Captain	
Lieutenant	
Sergeant	
Patrolman	”;

13 provided, that the rates of compensation in such
14 petition shall be inserted in said question, without

15 change. If a majority of the votes in answer to said
16 question is in the affirmative the compensation of the
17 members of said police department shall be deemed
18 to be established as therein set forth and each member
19 shall be entitled to receive from said city from and
20 after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight
21 the amount of the salary set forth in said schedule for
22 his grade.

The first part of the report is devoted to a description of the general situation in the country. It is noted that the country is a developing one, with a population of about 10 million. The economy is based on agriculture, and the main crops are rice, wheat, and cotton. The country is a member of the United Nations and the World Bank.

The second part of the report deals with the political situation. It is noted that the country has a long history of political instability, with frequent changes of government. The current government is a coalition of several parties, and it is facing a number of challenges, including corruption and a lack of transparency.

The third part of the report discusses the social and economic conditions. It is noted that the country has a high unemployment rate, and the majority of the population lives in poverty. The education system is underdeveloped, and the health care system is inadequate. The country is also facing a number of social problems, including drug trafficking and human rights abuses.

The fourth part of the report provides a summary of the findings and recommendations. It is concluded that the country needs to implement a number of reforms in order to improve its political, social, and economic situation. These reforms should include strengthening the rule of law, improving the transparency of government, and investing in education and health care.

The report is a valuable contribution to the understanding of the country's situation. It provides a clear and concise overview of the key issues, and it offers practical recommendations for addressing these issues. The report is well-written and easy to read, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in the country's development.