

SENATE No. 583

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 22, 1947.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred the Senate Bill transferring the Division of Juvenile Training and the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Training Schools and all officials, clerical and other assistants in said division from the Department of Public welfare to the Department of Education (Senate, No. 430); so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to a complete recodification of the public welfare laws to clarify the responsibilities of the Commonwealth and cities and towns (page 15); so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to an amendment of existing statutes to provide more adequate safeguards surrounding the organization of charitable corporations (page 15); the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 354) of Daniel Rudsten relative to public welfare assistance and the establishment of a commission to codify the existing public welfare laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of James M. Curley (mayor of Boston) that the amount of reimbursement be increased by the Commonwealth on account of aid rendered by cities and towns to dependent children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 976) of James M. Curley (mayor of Boston) for reimbursement by the Commonwealth of part of the cost to cities and towns for providing relief or support of persons; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1615) 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, report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 583).

For the committee,

CHARLES W. OLSON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION
TO STUDY AND REVISE THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC
WELFARE.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of one member of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, two members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and six persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established to make a survey and
7 study of the laws of the commonwealth relating to
8 public welfare, with a view to the revision and codifica-
9 tion of said laws and to the recommending of such
10 changes therein and additions thereto as may appear
11 necessary or desirable. In making said survey and
12 study, said commission shall consider the subject
13 matter of so much of the governor's address, printed
14 as current senate document numbered one, as relates
15 to a complete recodification of the public welfare laws
16 to clarify the responsibilities of the commonwealth
17 and cities and towns, and so much thereof as relates
18 to an amendment of existing statutes to provide more
19 adequate safeguards surrounding the organization
20 of charitable corporations, and the subject matter
21 of current senate document numbered four hundred
22 and thirty and of current house documents numbered
23 three hundred and fifty-four, nine hundred and

24 seventy-five and sixteen hundred and fifteen. Said
25 commission shall hold hearings, shall be provided
26 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere and may
27 expend for expenses and legal, clerical and other
28 assistance such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
29 Said commission shall report to the general court the
30 results of its study, and its recommendations, if any,
31 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
32 said recommendations into effect, by filing the same
33 with the clerk of the house of representatives not
34 later than the first Wednesday of December in the
35 current year.