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By Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater, petition of Michael J. McCarthy and other members of the General Court for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate transportation facilities in the area now served by the Old Colony Division of the New Haven Railroad and to the feasibility of connecting a certain area with the Metropolitan Transit Commission. Transportation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN THE AREA NOW SERVED BY THE OLD COLONY DIVISION OF THE NEW HAVEN RAILROAD AND TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION IN SAID AREA.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to  
2 consist of one member of the senate to be designated  
3 by the president thereof, six members of the house of  
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker  
5 thereof, three persons to be appointed by the gover-  
6 nor, the attorney general or designee, and the chair-  
7 man of the department of public utilities or his  
8 designee, is hereby established for the purpose of  
9 making an investigation relative to transportation  
10 facilities in the area now served by the Old Colony  
11 Division of the New Haven Railroad. Said commis-  
12 sion, in connection with its investigation, shall con-  
13 sider the feasibility of establishing as a separate entity

14 the Old Colony Division of the New Haven Railroad  
15 and the feasibility of connection of the Old Colony  
16 Division, if established as a separate entity, with the  
17 metropolitan transit commission and further to con-  
18 sider the public operation of transportation in said  
19 area.

20 Said commission, shall, in the course of its investi-  
21 gation, confer and co-operate with such agencies of  
22 the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof,  
23 and with such civic and other associations or organiza-  
24 tions, as may be engaged in making an investigation  
25 and study of said transportation facilities for the  
26 purpose of co-ordinating the activities of said agencies,  
27 associations and organizations in carrying out said  
28 investigations and studies. Said commission may call  
29 upon the department of public utilities and other  
30 departments, boards, commissions and officers of the  
31 commonwealth for such information as it may desire  
32 in the course of its investigation. Said commission  
33 shall be provided with quarters in the state house or  
34 elsewhere, shall hold public hearings, shall have the  
35 power to summon witnesses and to require the pro-  
36 duction of books, records, contracts and papers and  
37 the giving of testimony under oath, and may expend  
38 for expert, clerical and other services and expenses  
39 such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate,  
40 dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated therefor.  
41 Said commission shall report to the general court the  
42 results of its investigation, and its recommendations,  
43 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to  
44 carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the  
45 same with the clerk of the house not later than the  
46 fourteenth day of May in the current year.