

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2311

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 26, 1948.

The committee on Labor and Industries, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 218) of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, by Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer, for legislation to regulate the rate of contributions payable by employers subject to the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 219) of The International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, District One, by Isadore Pickman, district director, for legislation to extend benefits to workers with dependent children under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 220) of William D. Fleming for legislation to provide that hearings on applications for review of the determination of the validity of claims for unemployment compensation shall be held within thirty days of the filing of such application; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221) of William C. Geary for legislation to provide that persons unemployed for four or more weeks because of a labor dispute shall be entitled to receive benefits under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 222) of The International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, District One, by Isadore Pickman, director, for legislation to extend certain benefits under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 223) of the U. E. R. & M. W. A., by Beatrice L. Kimball, for legislation to provide that persons unemployed for four or more weeks because of a labor dispute

be entitled to receive benefits under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 233) of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, by Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer, for legislation to increase the minimum number of weeks benefits shall be paid under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 234) of Kenneth J. Kelley, secretary-treasurer, Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, for legislation to provide for the payment of unemployment compensation in certain cases where the stoppage of work is caused by a labor dispute; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 238) of Jarvis Hunt, general counsel, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for legislation to amend the employment security law with respect to the serving of a waiting period and eligibility for benefits in connection with voluntary quits; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 239) of Jarvis Hunt, general counsel, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for legislation to amend the employment security law with respect to eligibility for benefits thereunder; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 240) of Jarvis Hunt, general counsel, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for legislation to amend the employment security law with respect to eligibility for benefits thereunder; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 241) of Jarvis Hunt, general counsel, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for legislation to repeal the payment of dependency benefits under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 242) of Jarvis Hunt, general counsel, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, for legislation relative to the amount of weekly benefits to be paid under the employment security law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 584) of Herman Snyder for legislation to further regulate the term "employment" as used in the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Homer H. Swindon and others that unemployment compensation benefits be granted to persons unemployed because of vacations;

the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 739) of Laurence H. Banks for legislation to include persons engaged in domestic service in private homes, colleges or clubs within the provisions of the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 741) of Frank E. Boot for legislation to provide for the payment of benefits under the Employment Security Law for the waiting period; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 744) of Joseph T. Conley that the benefits of the Employment Security Law be extended to certain employees whose employment is of short duration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 745) of Joseph T. Conley that employment security dependency benefits be extended to persons in partial unemployment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 751) of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council that persons unemployed for four or more weeks because of a labor dispute be entitled to receive benefits under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 752) of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council for legislation to provide for the benefits of the Employment Security Law in certain additional cases; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 753) of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council that employment security benefits be extended to officers and members of crews of vessels and to certain other persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 756) of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council for legislation to provide for twenty-six benefit weeks under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 757) of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council for legislation to abolish the "merit system", so called, of the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 758) of the Massachusetts State C.I.O. Industrial Union Council for legislation to eliminate the waiting periods under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Com-

merce Inc. for legislation to provide for periodic readjustment of unemployment benefit rates in accordance with changes in the cost of living; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 992) of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce Inc. relative to cancelling that portion of total workers' benefit wages earned during periods of dishonest or misconducted employment or for any period of employment voluntarily terminated; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 994) of The International Fur and Leather Workers Union, C.I.O., that benefits be provided under the Employment Security Law for certain persons unemployed due to a stoppage of work caused by a labor dispute; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1000) of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America for legislation to provide additional benefits under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1003) of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce Inc. for legislation to provide for a modified scale of benefits in certain instances under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1005) of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, C.I.O., for legislation relative to extending to certain employees the benefits of the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1267) of the Massachusetts State Chamber of Commerce Inc. that double compensation payments without intervening period of bona fide employment be prohibited under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1271) of Jarvis Hunt for an amendment of the Employment Security Law to eliminate the payment of benefits under "staggered" employment plans; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1272) of Jarvis Hunt for an amendment of the Employment Security Law relative to the serving of a waiting period and eligibility for benefits in connection with voluntary termination of employment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1273) of Jarvis Hunt

relative to confining the payment of benefits under the Employment Security Law to twenty-three weeks within any twelve month period; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1274) of Jarvis Hunt for an amendment of the Employment Security Law relative to the serving of a waiting period and eligibility for benefits in connection with suspensions for cause; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1455) of Joseph A. Aspero that the time be extended for filing applications for review under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1461) of William J. Casey relative to the total benefits payable to certain unemployed individuals under the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1462) of William Thornton for legislation to provide for extending certain benefits of the Employment Security Law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1634) of the Seafood Producers Association of New Bedford that certain masters and members of crews of vessels engaged in commercial fishing be excluded from the provisions of the Employment Security Law; and the supplementary report of the special commission established (under Chapter 16 of the Resolves of 1947 and Chapter 19 of the Resolves of 1948) to make an investigation and study of the Employment Security Law (House, No. 2175, Apps. B and C); report (in part on House, No. 2175) the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2311).

For the committee,

CLARENCE F. TELFORD.

Senator EVANS, and Representatives KARNER of Athol and MILES of Boston, dissenting.

## 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 A FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW.

1    *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to  
2 consist of one member of the senate to be designated  
3 by the president thereof, two members of the house of  
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker  
5 thereof, and four persons to be appointed by the gov-  
6 ernor, is hereby established for the purpose of making  
7 an investigation and study of the provisions of chapter  
8 one hundred and fifty-one A of the General Laws,  
9 known as the employment security law. Said com-  
10 mission, in the course of its investigation and study  
11 hereunder, shall consider the subject matter of current  
12 senate documents numbered 218, 219, 220, 221, 222,  
13 223, 233, 234, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242 and of current  
14 house documents numbered 584, 586, 739, 741, 744,  
15 745, 751, 752, 753, 756, 757, 758, 987, 992, 994, 1000,  
16 1003, 1005, 1267, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1455, 1461,  
17 1462, 1634 and 2175 (appendices B and C). Said  
18 investigation and study shall be in furtherance of the  
19 investigation and study made under the provisions of  
20 chapters sixteen, fifty-nine and sixty-two of the  
21 resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-seven. Said  
22 commission may call upon the departments, commis-  
23 sions and officers of the commonwealth for such in-

24 formation as it may desire in the course of its investi-  
25 gation and may solicit information from any other  
26 source to assist it in its investigation. Said commis-  
27 sion may expend for clerical and other services and  
28 expenses such sums as may hereafter be appropriated  
29 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general  
30 court the results of its investigation and study, and its  
31 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legis-  
32 lation necessary to carry its recommendations into  
33 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of  
34 representatives not later than the first day of Decem-  
35 ber in the current year.

