

HOUSE No. 1794

By Mr. Russell of Wayland, petition of Howard S. Russell for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate fire hazards and means of protection against fire of property owned by the Commonwealth. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COMMONWEALTH, AND FOR THE PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE OF PERSONS HOUSED IN OR USING SUCH BUILDINGS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of one member of the senate to be appointed
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be appointed by the speaker
5 thereof, the state fire marshal, and two members to
6 be appointed by the governor, at least one of whom
7 shall be a chief of a fire department or experienced
8 in fire fighting and fire prevention, is hereby es-
9 tablished for the purpose of investigating the fire
10 hazards and the means of protection against fire of
11 the state house, all state institutions of whatever kind,
12 and all buildings or property belonging to or occupied
13 by the commonwealth, wherever located, in which

14 any person is customarily housed or employed or
15 which are customarily visited by the public.

16 For this purpose the commission may employ
17 expert advice in fire prevention and protection and
18 clerical assistance, and may hold public hearings, and
19 may travel within and without the commonwealth.

20 The commission shall from time to time report its
21 findings and recommendations to such commissioner,
22 board or other authority as may be by law vested
23 with the control or supervision of any such buildings,
24 institution or property and to the general court;
25 and shall make a final report to the general court,
26 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
27 its recommendations into effect, not later than the
28 first Wednesday of December in the year nineteen
29 hundred and fifty.