

HOUSE No. 2778

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Burke of Boston, and as amended on motion of Mr. Gibbons of Stoneham, for an order relative to authorizing the joint committee on Ways and Means in the course of the investigation previously ordered to include the subject-matter of monopolistic practices within the dairy industry, the fixing of prices for milk and an investigation of the milk laws and related matters (House, No. 2760). August 23.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY
BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE LAWS RE-
LATING TO MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS AND CERTAIN
RELATED MATTERS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of one member of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and three persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of
7 making a thorough investigation and study relative
8 to the enforcement and adequacy of the laws of the
9 commonwealth relating to the inspection of dairy
10 farms producing milk and cream for distribution in
11 the commonwealth, to the bonding of milk dealers,
12 to milk control, so called, to the production, trans-
13 portation, sale and distribution of milk and milk
14 products, and to related matters, with a view to

15 recommending such changes in said laws, or such
16 additions thereto, as the commission may deem ad-
17 visable. In making its investigation and study here-
18 under, said commission shall consider the advisa-
19 bility of enacting a law the effect of which would
20 be to subsidize low income families who are in need
21 of and require financial assistance and shall consider
22 matters relative to the sale of surplus milk, so called,
23 and other matters relating to the production and
24 sale of milk. Said commission shall be provided
25 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may
26 hold hearings and shall avail itself of the services of
27 the regular clerical staff of the department of agri-
28 culture for such clerical assistance as it may need in
29 the course of its investigation. Said commission
30 may travel within and without the commonwealth,
31 and may expend for travel and other necessary ex-
32 penses incurred by its members in the discharge of
33 their duties hereunder sums, not exceeding in the
34 aggregate such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
35 The commission shall report to the general court its
36 findings, and its recommendations, if any, together
37 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
38 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
39 the clerk of the senate on or before the first Wednes-
40 day of March in the year nineteen hundred and fifty.