

SENATE No. 274

To accompany the petition of William E. Nolen that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special committee of members of the General Court relative to granting family allowances. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY
BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO GRANTING
FAMILY ALLOWANCES.

- 1 *Whereas*, The high cost of rearing children has put
- 2 a tremendous financial burden on parents; and
- 3 *Whereas*, The vast majority of families are finan-
- 4 cially unable to provide all the necessities for the
- 5 health and well being of their children; and
- 6 *Whereas*, The Dominion of Canada has provided
- 7 allowances to families with minor children; and
- 8 *Whereas*, The system of family allowances has
- 9 worked satisfactorily to all citizens in the Dominion
- 10 of Canada; and
- 11 *Whereas*, A major cost for unemployment compen-
- 12 sation insurance in Massachusetts is the payment of
- 13 two dollars for each child of an unemployed employee;
- 14 and
- 15 *Whereas*, A major cost for workmen's compensation
- 16 insurance in Massachusetts is the payment of two

17 dollars and fifty cents for each dependent of an injured
18 employee; and

19 *Whereas*, There is economic need that all employees,
20 whether unemployed or disabled, receive allowances
21 for minor children; therefore be it

22 *Resolved*, That a special committee to consist of
23 three members of the senate to be designated by the
24 president thereof and four members of the house of
25 representatives to be designated by the speaker
26 thereof, is hereby established for the purpose of study-
27 ing the adoption in this commonwealth of a so-called
28 "family allowances act", which would provide each
29 family with the sum of two dollars and fifty cents
30 weekly for each child under the age of eighteen in
31 place of the dependency benefits now limited to re-
32 cipients under the unemployment compensation act
33 and the workmen's compensation law. Such com-
34 mittee may expend for clerical, travel or other ex-
35 penses such sums as may hereafter be appropriated
36 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general
37 court the results of its investigation and study, and
38 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
39 legislation necessary to carry said recommendations
40 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
41 senate not later than the first Wednesday of May,
42 nineteen hundred and fifty.