
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 24, 1952.

The committee on Power and Light, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 518) of John C. Bresnahan for the appointment by the Governor of a special commission to investigate the feasibility of controlling and exploiting the waters of the Merrimack River for hydro-electric power, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 730) of Robert X. Tivnan for the appointment of a special commission by the Governor to investigate rates charged for natural gas, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1564) of Joseph F. Leahy that charges for gas by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company be at the same rate as that charged for natural gas, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1859) of Belden G. Bly, Jr., and another that the Department of Public Utilities be authorized to strike out the coal clause, so called, in setting rates for natural gas, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1861) of John J. Dwyer that the Department of Public Utilities be required to approve natural gas pipe line extensions, and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1865) of Wilfred S. Mirsky for an investigation by the Department of Public Utilities of the financial structure, rates and operations of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, report the accompanying order (House, No. 2242).

For the committee,

RICHARD ALLEN.

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Ordered, That the committee on Power and Light, in making an investigation and study, during the 1951 and 1952 sessions of the General Court and the recesses thereof in co-operation with the study being conducted by the Inter-Agency Commission as established by the Congress of the United States and ordered by the President of the United States relative to multiple-purpose resource development of land and water resources (under authority of an order adopted by the House of Representatives on July 17, and by the Senate on July 23, 1951, shall consider the subject-matter of current house document numbered 518, relative to the feasibility of controlling and exploiting the waters of the Merrimack river for hydro-electric power, of current house document numbered 730, relative to natural gas rates, of current house document numbered 1564, relative to the charge for gas of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, of current house document numbered 1859, relative to authorizing and directing the department of public utilities to strike out the coal clause as a factor in setting rates, upon the introduction into the commonwealth of natural gas, of current house document numbered 1861, relative to the approval of natural gas pipe line extensions, and of current house document numbered 1865, relative to the financial structure and operations of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company before acting upon any proposals to increase its rates to subscribers.