

SENATE No. 218

To accompany the petition of Philip A. Graham that provision be made for an investigation and study by an unpaid special commission (including members of the General Court) of the procedures and methods used in construction or repair of highways. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL RECESS COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY THE PROCEDURES AND METHODS USED IN CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS.

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 five persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established to investigate and
7 study the provisions of law relative to construction,
8 and the repair of highways under the provisions of
9 chapters eighty-one and ninety of the General Laws,
10 with a view to effecting a more efficient and more
11 equitable basis for the construction of such ways, the
12 location thereof, the costs, and the amounts to be
13 contributed by the state, county and municipal
14 governments, and the establishing of priorities for
15 certain projects. Said commission shall familiarize

16 itself with the methods now employed by the depart-
17 ment of public works, the county commissioners
18 and municipal officers in determining the loci of such
19 construction and repair, costs and contributions of
20 counties, cities and towns and methods used else-
21 where. Said commission shall be provided with
22 quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold
23 public hearings, and may travel within and without
24 the commonwealth. Said commission may expend
25 for clerical and other services such sums as may be
26 appropriated therefor. The commission shall report
27 to the general court its findings and recommendations,
28 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary
29 to carry said recommendations into effect by filing
30 the same with the clerk of the senate on or before the
31 first Wednesday of December in the current year.