

By Mr. Kelly of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate companies engaged in the workmen's compensation and automobile insurance business. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission to con-
2 sist of two members of the senate to be designated by
3 the president thereof, five members of the house of
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and four persons to be appointed by the gov-
6 ernor, of which appointees, one shall be representative
7 of labor, one representative of industry, one repre-
8 sentative of insurance and one representative of the
9 general public, is hereby established for the purpose
10 of making an investigation and study of the work-
11 men's compensation and automobile insurance com-
12 panies doing business in the commonwealth of Massa-
13 chusetts. Said commission shall investigate, among
14 other subjects, the following:— (1) the rates for in-
15 surance; (2) the methods of establishing these rates;
16 (3) the amounts paid out to beneficiaries; (4) the
17 expenses and overhead of insurance companies;
18 (5) and other matters relative to insurance.

19 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in
20 the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may
21 require by summons the attendance and testimony of

22 witnesses and the production of books and papers,
23 may travel within and without the commonwealth,
24 and may expend for legal, clerical and other assistance
25 and for expenses such sums as may be appropriated
26 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general
27 court the results of its investigation and study, and
28 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
29 legislation necessary to carry its recommendations
30 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
31 house of representatives not later than the first
32 Wednesday of February in the year nineteen hundred
33 and fifty-five.