

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 11, 1954.

The committee on Pensions and Old Age Assistance, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 77) of Ernest W. Towne for legislation relative to certain guaranteed retirement allowances under the contributory retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 78) of Ernest W. Towne that provision be made for cost of living increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees and their beneficiaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 79) of Ernest W. Towne for legislation relative to pensions to be paid to surviving spouses of members of the state retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 80) of Ernest W. Towne for legislation to authorize cost of living increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees and their beneficiaries; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 153) of Elizabeth G. Nelligan and another and Charles V. Hogan for legislation to increase the retirement allowances of certain retired school teachers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 424) of James F. Shurtleff for legislation relative to the earnings of retired police officers and firemen while engaged in gainful occupations; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 432) of William D. Fleming for legislation relative to the retirement allowance of certain employees who are members of non-contributory retirement systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 437) of Otis M. Whitney for legislation to establish the options available for officers of the Division of State Police in the Department of Public Safety under the state retirement law; the

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 438) of Daniel D. Donnelly and another for legislation relative to the termination of offices of the Supreme Judicial Court held by members of the contributory retirement system; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 445) of the Massachusetts Police and Firefighters Association, by Stephen MacDonald for legislation to provide for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances and other benefits to certain former public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 446) of John F. Parker for legislation to authorize a county to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Edward D. Briggs and John F. Parker for legislation to authorize a county to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 412) of Armand N. Tancredi, William C. Sullivan and William J. Kingston for increasing the amount of retirement allowances for certain former public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 474) of William McGuire for legislation to increase the retirement allowances of certain retired police officers and firemen; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association and Michael F. Skerry relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 478) of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association and Michael F. Skerry relative to providing for a survivor's benefit under the non-contributory pension system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 684) of William A. Glynn for legislation to compel public employees to retire at age sixty-five; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 685)

of the Massachusetts Teachers Association relative to providing for a minimum retirement allowance for certain public employees after age fifty-five; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 686) of John J. O'Rourke for legislation relative to the amount of retirement allowances payable to probation officers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 690) of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation for a minimum retirement allowance for certain public employees after forty years of service; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 842) of James R. Lawton that cities and towns be authorized to grant annuities to widows or children of certain public officers and employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1051) of Ray Shafner relative to the retirement rights of certain members of the police and fire departments of cities and towns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1058) of Joseph D. Ward that provision be made for a survivors' benefit under the non-contributory pension system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of the Massachusetts Police Association that provision be made for a survivors' benefit under the non-contributory pension system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1289) of William J. Kingston that provision be made for equitable adjustment of the retirement allowances of certain former police officers and fire fighters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1292) of William J. Kingston for legislation to increase the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1296) of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., for the granting of certain pension rights to widows of firemen and policemen; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1297) of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., that retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees be adjusted to present day compensation basis; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1300) of John J. O'Rourke that pensions payable to former police



officers and firemen be paid upon their decease in reduced amounts to their widows in certain cases; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1302) of the Massachusetts Police Association relative to annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1529) of Guy M. Bianchino and others for legislation to provide that membership in retirement systems shall constitute a contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1530) of John C. McMahan for legislation to increase the retirement allowances of certain former public employees and persons claiming under them; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1729) of Joseph D. Ward that public employees aged fifty-five or over be given the same termination retirement benefits as those given to members under age fifty-five and that certain earlier benefits be restored; and the recommitted petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 602) of Anthony J. Farin for a minimum retirement allowance of twelve hundred dollars for public employees at age seventy and after ten years of creditable service, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2531).

For the committee,

WILLIAM F. NOURSE.

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

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE RETIREMENT LAW.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission es-  
2 tablished by chapter eighty of the resolves of nine-  
3 teen hundred and fifty-three, to make an investiga-  
4 tion and study relative to certain changes in the  
5 retirement law, shall, in making its investigation  
6 and study consider the subject matter of current  
7 senate document numbered 77, relative to certain  
8 guaranteed retirement allowances under the contrib-  
9 utory retirement system; of current senate docu-  
10 ment numbered 78, relative to authorizing cost of  
11 living increases of the amounts of pensions payable  
12 to certain former public employees and their bene-  
13 ficiaries; of current senate document numbered 79,  
14 relative to pensions to be paid to surviving spouses  
15 of members of the state retirement system; of cur-  
16 rent senate document numbered 80, relative to au-  
17 thorizing cost of living increases of the amounts of  
18 pensions payable to certain former public employees  
19 and their beneficiaries; of current senate document  
20 numbered 153, relative to increasing the retirement  
21 allowances of certain retired teachers; of current  
22 senate document numbered 424, relative to the earn-  
23 ings of retired police officers and firemen while en-  
24 gaged in gainful occupations; of current senate  
25 document numbered 432, relative to the retirement  
26 allowance of certain employees who are members of  
27 non-contributory retirement systems; of current  
28 senate document numbered 437, relative to estab-  
29 lishing the retirement options available for officers of

30 the division of state police in the department of  
31 public safety; of current senate document numbered  
32 438, relative to the termination of offices of the  
33 supreme judicial court held by members of the con-  
34 tributory retirement system; of current senate docu-  
35 ment numbered 445, relative to providing for an  
36 increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions,  
37 retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits  
38 payable by the commonwealth and its political sub-  
39 divisions to certain former employees and persons  
40 claiming under them; of current senate document  
41 numbered 446, relative to authorizing a county to  
42 grant annuities and to increase certain retirement  
43 allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials  
44 and employees or to their surviving spouses or chil-  
45 dren; of current senate document numbered 447,  
46 relative to authorizing a county to grant annuities  
47 and to increase certain retirement allowances, pen-  
48 sions and annuities of certain officials and employees  
49 or to their surviving spouses or children; of current  
50 house document numbered 412, relative to provid-  
51 ing increases in the amounts of contributory retire-  
52 ment system allowances received by certain former  
53 public employees; of current house document num-  
54 bered 474, relative to increasing the retirement al-  
55 lowance of certain retired police officers and firemen;  
56 of current house document numbered 477, relative  
57 to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement  
58 allowances and annuities payable to certain former  
59 public employees; of current house document num-  
60 bered 478, relative to providing for a survivor's  
61 benefit under the non-contributory pension system;  
62 of current house document numbered 602, relative  
63 to providing for a minimum retirement allowance  
64 for certain public employees; of current house docu-  
65 ment numbered 684, relative to compelling retire-  
66 ment of state, municipal and county employees upon  
67 attaining the age of sixty-five; of current house  
68 document numbered 685, relative to providing for a



69 minimum retirement allowance for certain public  
70 employees after age fifty-five is attained; of current  
71 house document numbered 686, relative to the  
72 amount of retirement allowances for probation offi-  
73 cers; of current house document numbered 690, rela-  
74 tive to providing for a minimum retirement allow-  
75 ance for certain public employees after forty years  
76 of service; of current house document numbered 842,  
77 relative to authorizing a city or town to grant an-  
78 nnuities to certain spouses or children of certain offi-  
79 cials and employees; of current house document  
80 numbered 1051, relative to the retirement rights of  
81 certain members of the police and fire departments  
82 of cities and towns; of current house document num-  
83 bered 1058, relative to providing for a survivors'  
84 benefit under the non-contributory pension system;  
85 of current house document numbered 1060, relative  
86 to providing for a survivors' benefit under the non-  
87 contributory pension system; of current house docu-  
88 ment numbered 1289, relative to providing for the  
89 equitable adjustment of the retirement allowances  
90 of certain retired police officers and fire fighters; of  
91 current house document numbered 1292, relative  
92 to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement  
93 allowances and annuities payable to certain former  
94 public employees; of current house document num-  
95 bered 1296, relative to granting certain pension  
96 rights to widows of firemen and policemen; of cur-  
97 rent house document numbered 1297, relative to  
98 adjustment of retirement allowances upon present  
99 day compensation basis; of current house document  
100 numbered 1300, relative to providing that pensions  
101 payable to former police officers and firemen shall,  
102 upon their decease, be paid in reduced amounts to  
103 their widows in certain cases; of current house docu-  
104 ment numbered 1302, relative to annuities to de-  
105 pendents of certain public employees killed or dying  
106 from injuries received or hazards undergone in the  
107 performance of duty; of current house document

108 numbered 1529, relative to providing that member-  
109 ship in retirement systems shall constitute a con-  
110 tractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not  
111 be diminished or impaired; of current house docu-  
112 ment numbered 1530, relative to providing for an  
113 increase in the annual amount of certain pensions,  
114 retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits  
115 payable by the commonwealth and its political sub-  
116 divisions to certain former employees and persons  
117 claiming under them; and of current house docu-  
118 ment numbered 1729, relative to giving members  
119 over age fifty-five termination retirement benefits  
120 equal to those of members under age fifty-five and  
121 to restore earlier benefits.