

# SENATE . . . . No. 686

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, March 22, 1954.

The committee on Labor and Industries, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 327) of John F. Collins for legislation to establish a minimum fair wage of one dollar per hour; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 348) of William D. Fleming and the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, by Kenneth J. Kelley, for legislation to establish a fair minimum wage in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 208) of William Francis Keenan for the establishment of a minimum fair wage of one dollar per hour for certain employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 458) of Thomas F. Farrell for the establishment of a minimum fair wage of one dollar per hour for certain employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 667) of Joseph T. Conley for the establishment of a minimum fair wage of one dollar per hour for certain employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1237) of Robert F. Murphy for legislation increasing to one dollar the minimum hourly wage rate within the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1483) of the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council relative to providing for overtime pay for work in excess of forty hours per week; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1484) of the Massachusetts State CIO Industrial Union Council relative to providing for the payment of a minimum wage of one dollar per hour; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1923) of James H. Kelly for legislation to increase the minimum hourly wage to eighty-five cents; and the petition (accompanied by

bill, House, No. 1925) of David J. O'Connor for legislation to increase the minimum hourly wage to one dollar, report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 686).

For the committee,

C. HENRY GLOVSKY.

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY  
BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE MINIMUM  
WAGE LAW.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to  
2 consist of two members 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 two persons to be appointed by the gover-  
6 nor, is hereby established for the purpose of making  
7 a comprehensive study and investigation of the  
8 minimum wage law, which study shall include a study  
9 of the operation of minimum wage boards, the inter-  
10 relationship of the federal and state minimum wage  
11 laws and the effect of overtime pay in such laws. Said  
12 commission in the course of its study and investigation  
13 shall also consider the subject matter of current senate  
14 documents numbered 327 and 348, and of current  
15 house documents numbered 208, 458, 667, 1237, 1483,  
16 1484, 1923 and 1925. Said commission shall be pro-  
17 vided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere,  
18 may hold public hearings and may expend for legal,  
19 clerical and other assistance and expenses such sums  
20 as may be appropriated therefor. Said commission  
21 shall report to the general court the results of its  
22 investigation and study, and its recommendations,  
23 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary  
24 to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the  
25 same with the clerk of the senate on or before the last  
26 Wednesday of December in the current year.

