

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2496

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 2, 1955.

The committee on State Administration, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1983) of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., for requiring that meetings of state, county or municipal boards be open to the public; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1984) of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., that the meetings of the Governor's Council be open to the public, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2496).

For the committee,

THOMAS J. DOHERTY.

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO PROVIDING THAT MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND MEETINGS OF STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BOARDS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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, three members of the house of  
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof,  
5 and five persons to be appointed by the governor, one  
6 of whom shall be a state official, one shall be a city official,  
7 one shall be a town official, one shall be a representative  
8 of the press and one shall be a representative of the gen-  
9 eral public, is hereby established for the purpose of  
10 making an investigation and study of the subject matter  
11 of current house document numbered 1983, relative to  
12 requiring that all meetings of state, county or municipal  
13 boards shall be open to the public, and the subject  
14 matter of current house document numbered 1984, rela-  
15 tive to providing that meetings of the executive council  
16 shall be open to the public. Said commission shall be  
17 provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere,  
18 may hold hearings, and may expend for legal, clerical and  
19 other assistance such sums as may be appropriated there-  
20 for. Said commission shall report to the general court  
21 the results of its investigation and study, and its recom-  
22 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation  
23 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by  
24 filing the same with the clerk of the house of repre-  
25 sentatives not later than the third Wednesday of Decem-  
26 ber in the current year.