

HOUSE . . . . No. 2687

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 12, 1955.

The committee on Constitutional Law, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 459) of Charles W. Patterson that certain public officers or employees who refuse to answer questions concerning the performance of their duties when called before grand juries or legislative commissions be disqualified for further public employment, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1802) of John J. Lawless for disqualification from public employment of persons refusing to answer certain questions relative to their acts while in public service, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2687).

For the committee,

JOHN J. CAMPBELL.

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

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO COMMUNISM AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED MATTERS, IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission estab-  
2 lished by chapter eighty-nine of the resolves of nineteen  
3 hundred and fifty-three for the purpose of making an  
4 investigation and study of communism and subversive  
5 activities and related matters in the commonwealth,  
6 shall, in making its investigation and study, consider the  
7 subject matter of current house document numbered  
8 459, relative to disqualifying for employment by the  
9 commonwealth or of any of its political subdivisions any  
10 officer or employee who refuses to answer certain ques-  
11 tions concerning the conduct of his office or the per-  
12 formance of his duties, and of current house document  
13 numbered 1802, relative to disqualifying for employment  
14 by the commonwealth or any of its subdivisions any  
15 person who refuses to answer certain questions relative  
16 to his acts while an official or employee of the common-  
17 wealth or of its subdivisions.