

SENATE No. 80

To accompany the petition of Daniel Rudsten that provision be made for the establishment of a commission for the promotion and development of the Port of Boston. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a commission
2 for the promotion and development of the Port of Boston,
3 to be known as the Port of Boston Development Commis-
4 sion. The commission shall consist of an unpaid member
5 appointed by the governor to serve for a term of five
6 years, the mayor of the city of Boston or a representative
7 designated by him, the president of the Boston Chamber
8 of Commerce, the president of the maritime association,
9 the president of a Boston university, the president of the
10 New England Council, the president of shipowners' asso-
11 ciation, and the heads of the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O.
12 longshoremens' unions. The commission shall meet at
13 least twice a month and at such other times as it may
14 determine by its rules. The members shall be reimbursed
15 for necessary traveling expenses incurred by them in the
16 performance of their duties.

1 SECTION 2. Subject to the approval of the governor
2 and council, the said commission may appoint a secre-
3 tary and such experts as it may require, and remove
4 them with like approval. It may also employ such other

5 necessary clerks and employees as it may require. Au-
6 thorized representatives of the commission may travel
7 outside the commonwealth for the purpose of carrying
8 out the provisions of section three.

1 SECTION 3. The commission may conduct researches
2 into industrial, transportation and shipping conditions,
3 and shall prepare and plan a program for the best in-
4 terests of the Port of Boston, and shall seek to co-ordinate
5 the activities of official and unofficial bodies organized
6 for the promotion and development of trade and com-
7 merce in the Port of Boston, shall establish conciliation
8 boards to be composed of representatives of the unions
9 engaged in port activity, representatives of shipowners'
10 associations and stevedores' companies, and it shall offer
11 its services as arbitrator in labor disputes among such
12 parties and shall work towards the goal of introducing
13 the most modern and efficient methods of cargo handling
14 and port handling.

15 The commission may expend such sums as may be
16 appropriated by the general court to carry out the pur-
17 pose of this and the two preceding sections.

18 The commission may expend funds to send groups of
19 longshoremen to various ports in this country to observe
20 cargo handling, shall have films made of best cargo and
21 ship handling procedures at other ports of the world,
22 and exhibit them to proper parties in Boston. It may
23 advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps,
24 charts and pamphlets which will further the purpose for
25 which it is created. It shall disseminate educational
26 material to all union members engaged in port activity;
27 shall provide information and training for all union
28 leaders; shall print sufficient copies of the contract signed
29 between the longshoremen and the shipowners' associa-
30 tions and shall distribute them to each member of the
31 longshoremen's unions. It shall prepare simple digests
32 of these contracts so that all members will thoroughly
33 understand them and know the contents of said agree-
34 ments.

35 The commission shall make an annual report to the
36 governor and to the general court, on or before the first
37 Wednesday in November, containing its findings as to
38 the competitive position of the Port of Boston among the
39 ports of the United States and the world, its accomplish-
40 ments and its recommendations, with legislation neces-
41 sary to carry such recommendations into effect.

