

# SENATE . . . . No. 850

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, August 22, 1955.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the preliminary report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 89 of the Resolves of 1953 and revived and continued under Chapter 123 of the Resolves of 1954) to study and investigate communism and subversive activities and related matters in the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 685), report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 850).

For the committees,

NEWLAND H. HOLMES.

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*Ordered,* That a joint special committee to consist of two members of the senate to be designated by the president thereof and four members of the house of representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, is hereby established for the purpose of determining certain rights and privileges of members of the general court with reference to their being summonsed to appear before a court of the commonwealth as a result of their duties as members of special commissions. Said committee shall consider the subject matter of current senate document numbered 685, a preliminary report of the special commission established to study and investigate communism and subversive activities and related matters, with particular reference to certain questions appearing therein. Said committee may sit during the recess of the general court and shall be furnished with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings and may expend for legal, clerical and other services such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the senate not later than the second Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.