

HOUSE No. 1129

By Mr. Wall of Lawrence, petition of William X. Wall for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of means of absorbing the labor surplus in the forty-five year or over age group and the effect of the workmen's compensation law in creating unemployment in certain age groups. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY
A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF MEANS OF ABSORBING LABOR
SURPLUS IN CERTAIN AGE GROUPS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to con-
2 sist of one member of the senate to be designated by the
3 president thereof, three members of the house of repre-
4 sentatives to be designated by the speaker thereof and
5 three persons to be appointed by the governor, is hereby
6 established for the purpose of making an investigation
7 and study of the means of absorbing the labor surplus
8 existing in the age bracket of forty-five years and over.
9 Said commission shall also study the effect of the work-
10 men's compensation act of the General Laws in creating
11 unemployment in said age group. Said commission
12 shall be provided with quarters in the state house or
13 elsewhere, shall hold public hearings, shall have the
14 power to summons witnesses and to require the produc-
15 tion of books, records and papers, and the giving of
16 testimony under oath; may travel within and without
17 the commonwealth, and may expend for expert, clerical
18 and other services and expenses such sums as may be
19 appropriated therefor. Said commission shall report
20 to the general court the results of its investigation and

21 study, and its recommendations, if any, together with
22 drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommenda-
23 tions into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
24 the house of representatives on or before the first Wednes-
25 day in December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.