

SENATE . . . No. 741

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, July 19, 1956.

The Senate committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Order relative to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the increase in tank-wagon prices of gasoline recently effected by the major oil companies; the House Order relative to the appointment of a joint special committee to make an immediate investigation of the increase in tank-wagon price of fuel oil (see House, No. 3133); and the House Order relative to the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the tank-wagon prices of gasoline in effect by the oil companies doing business in the Commonwealth (see House, No. 3136), — report the accompanying Order (see Senate, No. 741).

For the committee,

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Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate, to be designated by the President thereof, five members of the House of Representatives, to be designated by the Speaker thereof, is hereby authorized and directed to make an immediate investigation of the increase in tank-wagon price of gasoline and/or fuel oil effected by the oil companies doing business in the Commonwealth. Said committee shall, in making its investigation, inquire especially into the effect such increase in price will have upon the consumer; whether such increase is to be reflected in the price paid by consumers; and whether the said increase is justified under present economic conditions. Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State House or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within and without the Commonwealth, shall have the power to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, records and papers and the giving of testimony under oath, and may expend for expert, technical, legal, clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the Senate, on or before the last Wednesday in January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

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