

HOUSE No. 2713

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 27, 1958.

The committee on Constitutional Law, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to memorializing Congress to adopt remedial measures which would aid our textile and fishing industries (page 11), report the accompanying resolutions (House, No. 2713).

For the committee,

CHARLES R. DOYLE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION PROTECTING TEXTILE, FISHING AND RE- LATED INDUSTRIES.

Whereas, His Excellency, the Governor, in his annual message declared: "Our textile and fishing industries have suffered greatly because of national and international policies which the national administration believes essential to the security of the nation. I believe that it is unfair that these industries and their employees should be left to bear the adverse effects of national and international policies that have been adopted for the benefit of all citizens."; and

Whereas, Other historic industries, deeply rooted in our economy and our traditions, such as the shoe and fishing industries, have similarly suffered from the effect of national and international policies; and

Whereas, The Congress has recently and is now considering measures to alleviate the unfair losses imposed particularly upon the middle-aged and old workers of the commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Federal tax policies encourage speculators in industrial property to close up going plants rather than renovate and rebuild them, and thus constitute an additional barrier to the restoration of prosperity to our depressed industries; therefore be it

Resolved, That the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States requesting that the Congress give early favorable consideration to legislation to alleviate the burdens on the textile, fishing and related industries, and that the Congress modify federal tax statutes in such a manner as to discourage owners from closing up economically valuable plants and factories; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent forthwith by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from this Commonwealth.