

HOUSE No. 999

By Messrs. Dolan of Ipswich and Zabriskie of Newburyport, petition of John F. Dolan and Albert H. Zabriskie for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of edible shellfish and shellfish purification plants and the construction of a shellfish laboratory. Natural Resources.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO EDIBLE SHELLFISH AND SHELLFISH PURIFICATION PLANTS AND A SHELLFISH LABORATORY.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 the director of the division of marine fisheries or his designee to
3 act in his behalf, the director of the division of sanitary engineer-
4 ing or his designee to act in his behalf, one member of the senate
5 to be designated by the president thereof, three members of the
6 house of representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof,
7 and one person to be appointed by the governor, is hereby estab-
8 lished for the purpose of making an investigation and study
9 relative to shellfish in areas, under various provisions of the
10 general laws, to be contaminated, and the relative advisability
11 of maintaining any existing shellfish purification plants, the
12 future propagation programs of shellfish in the coastal areas
13 of the commonwealth, and the advisability of constructing and
14 maintaining a shellfish laboratory for the commonwealth either
15 in the city of Newburyport or the city of Gloucester to serve
16 the north shore area. Said commission shall, in the course of
17 its investigation and study, confer with any town, city, state or
18 federal offices or officers relative to formulating a long range
19 shellfish program for all areas of the commonwealth. Said com-
20 mission shall apply for any federal, so-called Saltonstall-Kennedy,
21 funds to enable them with their investigation and study and
22 subsequent research in order to expedite their investigation and

23 study. Said commission may expend such other funds as may
24 hereafter be appropriated for said purpose of this resolve. Said
25 commission shall make a report to the general court of the
26 results of its investigations, and its recommendations, if any,
27 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
28 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
29 house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of
30 December in the current year.