

SENATE No. 367

[Senate, No. 367. Mr. Youngman moves to substitute this resolve for the House Bill relative to the building laws of the city of Boston (House, No. 1411).]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Unpaid Special Commission to study and to report upon the Building Laws affecting the City of Boston.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to be
2 known as the commission on the height of buildings and
3 to consist of two senators to be designated by the presi-
4 dent of the senate, four representatives to be designated
5 by the speaker of the house of representatives, the com-
6 missioner of public safety, the building commissioner of the
7 city of Boston, or at the option of the mayor of Boston
8 some other person, to be appointed by the mayor of Boston
9 and the chairman of the Boston planning board, be
10 directed to study the building laws affecting the city
11 of Boston, including the laws relating to the height of
12 buildings, and in this connection the effect of increasing
13 the authorized height of buildings upon health, light, fire
14 protection, congestion, traffic, street widening problems
15 and real estate values, and shall also study the laws

16 restricting buildings in certain zones or districts as to
17 type of construction, height or otherwise, and shall con-
18 sider what changes, if any, should be made in said laws,
19 and to what extent such matters should be regulated by
20 statute and to what extent by city ordinance or other
21 authority. The said commission shall be furnished by
22 the building commissioner of the city of Boston and by
23 the Boston planning board with all information pertinent
24 to the subject-matter of this resolve in their possession.
25 It shall hold public hearings, and may have the use of a
26 room in the state house, and for reimbursement of its
27 reasonable traveling and other expenses and for clerical
28 services and other assistance may expend such sums as
29 may be appropriated by the general court. Said com-
30 mission shall report its findings and recommendations,
31 with drafts of any legislation recommended, to the gen-
32 eral court not later than the first Wednesday of January,
33 nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

