

SENATE No. 490

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 27, 1931.

The committee on Transportation, to which was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 798) of Arthur P. Russell and others for legislation to regulate the business of transporting freight and merchandise for hire upon public ways by motor vehicles, reports the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 490).

For the committee,

CONDE BRODBINE.

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

Resolve providing for an Investigation by a Special Commission relative to Regulating the Business of Transporting Certain Property for Hire upon the Ways of the Commonwealth by Motor Vehicle.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, the commissioner of public works, or some
6 person in the department of public works to be desig-
7 nated by said commissioner, and the chairman of the
8 commission of the department of public utilities, or
9 some person in said department to be designated by
10 said chairman, is hereby established for the purpose
11 of making a thorough study and investigation to de-
12 termine the necessity or advisability of regulating the
13 business of transporting freight, merchandise and
14 other property for hire upon the public ways of the
15 commonwealth by motor vehicle. The special com-
16 mission shall consider the subject-matter of current
17 house document numbered seven hundred and ninety-
18 eight. Said special commission shall be provided with
19 quarters in the state house or elsewhere, shall hold
20 hearings, may require by summons the attendance
21 and testimony of witnesses and the production of
22 books and papers, and may administer oaths to wit-

23 nesses appearing before it. The special commission
24 may expend, after an appropriation has been made,
25 for clerical and other services and expenses, such
26 sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, thirty-five
27 hundred dollars, as may be approved by the governor
28 and council. The special commission shall report to
29 the general court the results of its investigations and
30 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
31 legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into
32 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate
33 not later than the first Wednesday in December of
34 the current year.

