

SENATE No. 456

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 12, 1938.

The committee on Labor and Industries, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 164) of John D. Mackay and another for legislation to provide for equitable allocation of refused risks for workmen's compensation insurance; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 168) of John D. Mackay and another that workmen's compensation insurance be made compulsory upon employers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 169) of John D. Mackay and another for legislation to encourage coverage of the silicosis risk, by reducing the maximum liability; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 170) of John D. Mackay and another for legislation to enforce compulsory workmen's compensation coverage by increasing the liability in cases of non-compliance; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 171) of John D. Mackay and another for legislation relative to liability in case of failure to secure compulsory workmen's compensation coverage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 650) of John E. Murphy and James F. Tobin that the Department of Labor and Industries be authorized to regulate the operation of certain dangerous machines and other apparatus; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1359) of Thomas F. Coyne for legislation to provide a method of compensating employees injured in certain hazardous employments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1360) of Thomas F. Coyne relative to equitable apportionment of risks in connection

with compensating employees injured in industrial accidents; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1494) of William Doyle that operators of foundries be authorized to obtain insurance for compensating employees injured in industrial accidents, report the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 456).

For the committee,

EDWARD H. NUTTING.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION RELATIVE TO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE, INCLUDING COVERAGE FOR SILICOSIS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS EMPLOYMENT.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, five members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and two persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, of whom one shall be a person who, on
7 account of his vocation, employment, occupation or
8 affiliation can be classed as an employer and one shall
9 be a person who on account of his vocation, employ-
10 ment, occupation or affiliation can be classed as an
11 employee, for the purpose of making an investigation
12 of the subject matter of current senate documents
13 numbered one hundred and sixty-four to provide for
14 equitable allocation of refused risks for workmen's
15 compensation insurance, one hundred and sixty-eight
16 that workmen's compensation insurance be made
17 compulsory upon employers, one hundred and sixty-
18 nine for legislation to encourage coverage of the sili-
19 cosis risk, by reducing the maximum liability, one
20 hundred and seventy for legislation to enforce com-
21 pulsory workmen's compensation coverage by in-

22 creasing the liability in cases of non-compliance, and
23 one hundred and seventy-one for legislation relative
24 to liability in case of failure to secure compulsory
25 workmen's compensation coverage, and house docu-
26 ments numbered six hundred and fifty to regulate
27 the operation of certain dangerous machines and other
28 apparatus, thirteen hundred and fifty-nine for legis-
29 lation to provide a method of compensating employees
30 injured in certain hazardous employments, thirteen
31 hundred and sixty relative to equitable apportion-
32 ment of risks in connection with compensating em-
33 ployees injured in industrial accidents and fourteen
34 hundred and ninety-four that operators of foundries
35 be authorized to obtain insurance for compensating
36 employees injured in industrial accidents. Said com-
37 mission may expend for clerical and other services
38 and expenses such sums, not exceeding in the aggre-
39 gate, dollars, as may hereafter be appro-
40 priated therefor. Said commission shall report to the
41 general court the results of its investigations here-
42 under, and its recommendations, if any, together
43 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry said
44 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
45 the clerk of the senate not later than the first Wednes-
46 day of December in the current year.