

# SENATE . . . . No. 203

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To accompany the petition of Brainard C. Wallace for the appointment of an unpaid special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate the laws relating to shellfish. Conservation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH RELATING TO SHELLFISH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission is  
2 hereby established, to consist of one member of the  
3 senate to be designated by the president thereof,  
4 three members of the house of representatives to be  
5 designated by the speaker thereof and three persons  
6 to be appointed by the governor. The said commis-  
7 sion shall consider all questions relating to the ad-  
8 ministration and enforcement of laws regulating the  
9 taking, marketing, shipping, transportation and prop-  
10 agation of shellfish, with a view to ascertaining what  
11 changes, if any, in such laws are necessary to protect  
12 the public health and to promote and protect the  
13 interests of persons engaged in the shellfish industry.  
14 The said commission shall report to the general court  
15 its conclusions hereunder and its recommendations,  
16 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry

17 such recommendations into effect by filing the same  
18 with the clerk of the senate not later than December  
19 first of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

20 For the assistance of the commission in carrying  
21 out the provisions of this resolve, all papers, analyses,  
22 books and documents relative to the subject matter  
23 hereof in the possession of the departments of con-  
24 servation and of public health shall be made available  
25 for inspection by the commission or any member  
26 thereof.

27 Said commission may expend for traveling expenses  
28 within and without the commonwealth, for expert,  
29 clerical and other assistance and for other necessary  
30 expenses hereunder, out of such amount as may be  
31 appropriated therefor, not exceeding               dollars,  
32 such sums as the governor and council may approve.