

HOUSE No. 1166

By Mr. Kingston of Springfield, petition of William J. Kingston for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate rates and quality of natural gas. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE RATES AND QUALITY OF "NATURAL GAS", SO CALLED.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate, to be designated
3 by the president thereof, four members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and three persons to be appointed by the gov-
6 ernor, is hereby established to make a study of the
7 rates and quality of "natural gas," so called, in those
8 areas of the commonwealth where the same has been
9 installed, with a view to the reasons for the increase
10 in rates and the decrease in quality thereof.

11 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in
12 the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may
13 require by summons the attendance and testimony by
14 witnesses and the production of books and papers,
15 may call on state officials and department heads for
16 advice and assistance, may travel within the common-
17 wealth, and may expend for experts, clerical and other

18 services and expenses such sums as may hereafter be
19 appropriated therefor.

20 Said commission shall report to the general court
21 the results of its investigation and study, and its rec-
22 ommendations, if any, together with drafts of legis-
23 lation necessary to carry its recommendations into
24 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house
25 of representatives not later than the first Wednesday
26 of December in the current year.