

HOUSE No. 2372

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 4, 1953.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission established to study and revise the laws relating to public welfare (House, No. 2104), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2372).

For the committee,

EARLE S. TYLER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVISE THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC WELFARE.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of one member of the senate, to be designated
3 by the president thereof, two members of the house of
4 representatives, to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and three persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established to make a survey and
7 study of the laws of the commonwealth relating to
8 public welfare, with a view to the revision and codifica-
9 tion of said laws and to the recommending of such
10 changes therein and additions thereto as may appear
11 necessary or desirable. Said commission shall hold
12 hearings, shall be provided with quarters in the state
13 house or elsewhere, and may expend for expenses and
14 legal, clerical and other assistance such sums as may
15 be appropriated therefor, including the amount ap-
16 propriated in item 0209-00 of section two of chapter
17 six hundred and thirty-two of the acts of nineteen
18 hundred and fifty-two; and the sum of two thousand
19 dollars from the unexpended balance remaining in the
20 appropriation item 0232-00 of said section two of
21 said chapter six hundred and thirty-two is hereby
22 transferred and made available for the purpose of said
23 item 0209-00. Said commission shall report to the

24 general court the results of its study, and its recom-
25 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
26 necessary to carry said recommendations into effect, by
27 filing the same with the clerk of the house of representa-
28 tives not later than the first Wednesday of December
29 in the current year.

It is not possible to trace the origin of the word "history" to any one source. It is derived from the Greek word *historia*, which signifies "a narrative of events, real or supposed, and especially of the actions of men, in the past, and especially of those which have a bearing on the conduct of human life." The word is also used to denote the study of the past, and the art of recording and interpreting the events of the past.

The history of the world is a vast and complex subject, and it is not possible to do justice to it in a single volume. The history of the world is a story of the human race, and it is a story that is constantly being written. The events of the past are the foundation of the present, and the events of the present are the foundation of the future.

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