

HOUSE No. 2556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1953.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 31) of Daniel Rudsten for legislation relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on certain vessels operating within the coastal waters of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 344) of Edmond J. Donlan for legislation relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Lord's Day; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1051) of Edmond J. Donlan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the laws of the Commonwealth relating to alcohol and alcoholic beverages and to common victuallers; the petition (accompanied by bill House, No. 1058) of Fred C. Harrington that manufacturers and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages be authorized to grant quantity discounts in certain cases; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1060) of Wilfred Duquette and others for legislation relative to the closing hour of taverns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1068) of Joseph D. Ward for legislation to limit the granting of certain seasonal licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1501) of Charles J. Artesani relative to granting to incorporated clubs of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1507) of Mark Strong that provision be made for a penalty for the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1509) of

the Liquor Dealers Association of Massachusetts relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages in taverns on legal holidays; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1510) of the Liquor Dealers Association of Massachusetts for legislation relative to the closing hour of taverns; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1512) of the Liquor Dealers Association of Massachusetts relative to the time for submitting to voters the question of licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1950) of Frederick F. Beringer for authorizing the issuance of an alcoholic beverages license to the Commonwealth Aerie No. 2179, Fraternal Order of Eagles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1951) of Frederick F. Beringer that cities and towns, except Boston, be authorized to grant club licenses to certain fraternal benefit societies to sell alcoholic beverages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1962) of Charles L. Patrone for regulating further the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1963) of Charles L. Patrone for legislation to increase the fees for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1964) of Charles L. Patrone for prohibiting the storage or drinking of alcoholic liquors on non-licensed premises, report the accompanying Order (House, No. 2556).

For the committee,

OSCAR J. CAHOON.

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Ordered, That the joint committee on Legal Affairs is hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making a study and investigation of the subject matter of current senate document numbered 31, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on certain vessels operating within the coastal waters of the commonwealth; of current house document numbered 344, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on the Lord's Day, of the investigation and study proposed by current house document numbered 1051, relative to the laws of the commonwealth relating to alcohol and alcoholic beverages and to common victuallers; of current house document numbered 1058, relative to authorizing manufacturers and wholesalers of alcoholic beverages to grant quantity discounts in certain cases; of current house document numbered 1060, relative to the closing hour of taverns; of current house document numbered 1068, relative to limiting certain seasonal licenses; of current house document numbered 1501, relative to the granting to incorporated clubs of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages; of current house document numbered 1507, relative to providing a penalty for sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor; of current house document numbered 1509, relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages in taverns on legal holidays; of current house document numbered 1510, relative to the closing hour of taverns; of current house document numbered 1512, relative to the time for submitting to voters the question of licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages; of current house document numbered 1950, relative to authorizing the issuance of an alcoholic beverages license to the Commonwealth Aerie No. 2179, Fraternal Order of Eagles;

of current house document numbered 1951, relative to authorizing cities and towns, except Boston, to grant club licenses, so called, to certain fraternal benefit societies to sell alcoholic beverages, irrespective of the quota for such licenses; of current house document numbered 1962, relative to further regulating the issuance of liquor licenses; of current house document numbered 1963, relative to increasing state alcoholic beverages license fees; and of current house document numbered 1964, relative to prohibiting the storage or drinking of alcoholic liquors on non-licensed premises.

Said committee may travel within the commonwealth and may expend for clerical and other assistance and for expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its study and investigation, including its recommendations and drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.