

SENATE No. 354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 10, 1922.

The committee on Agriculture, to which was referred so much of the report of the Special Commission on the Necessaries of Life as relates to an investigation by the Department of Agriculture as to the need for publicly maintained slaughter houses with facilities for retail distribution (House, No. 1400), reports the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 354).

For the committee,

LYMAN W. GRISWOLD.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Inquiry by the Department of Agriculture into Conditions affecting the Distribution and Issue of Meat Products.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of agriculture be
2 directed to inquire into the subject of the retail market-
3 ing and distribution of meat products, conditions affect-
4 ing prices of such products and whether and to what
5 extent such prices may be lowered by any legislation
6 which it is competent for the general court to enact.
7 They are also directed to consider to what extent the
8 establishment and maintenance of public slaughter
9 houses, with facilities for the distribution of their
10 products, would bring relief to the consumer in lower
11 prices and improved quality of such products. The
12 department shall report the results of its investigation,
13 with drafts of any proposed legislation, to the next
14 annual session of the general court not later than the
15 first Wednesday in January.