

By Mr. McNulty of Boston, petition of A. A. McNulty for an investigation by a joint special legislative committee relative to the rates and charges for telephone service in the Commonwealth and to the efficiency of such service. Committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Jan. 12.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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Resolve providing for an Investigation relative to Rates and Charges for Telephone Service in this Commonwealth and relative to the Efficiency of Such Service.

1 *Resolved*, That a joint special committee is  
2 hereby established, to consist of three members of  
3 the senate to be appointed by the president  
4 thereof, and eight members of the house of rep-  
5 resentatives to be appointed by the speaker  
6 thereof. Said committee shall investigate and  
7 consider existing rates and charges for telephone  
8 service furnished by telephone companies in this  
9 commonwealth and the efficiency of such service  
10 with a view to determining whether or not the  
11 commonwealth should take action to effect a reduc-  
12 tion of such rates or charges or a more just  
13 equalization thereof and an increase of the effi-  
14 ciency of such service. Said committee shall pre-  
15 pare and submit figures showing (1) telephone rates  
16 and charges in the city of Boston and vicinity as  
17 compared with such rates and charges outside of  
18 the city of Boston and vicinity for similar services;

19 (2) telephone rates and charges in this common-  
20 wealth as compared with such rates and charges in  
21 other states for similar services; (3) telephone  
22 rates and charges for various classes of service  
23 furnished in each service area established by any  
24 telephone company in this commonwealth. Said  
25 committee shall consider and determine whether  
26 the efficiency of telephone service furnished in this  
27 commonwealth could be increased and improved if  
28 more persons were employed for furnishing said  
29 service.

30 Said committee may require by summons the  
31 attendance and testimony of witnesses and the pro-  
32 duction of books and papers before it relating to  
33 any matter under investigation, and may adminis-  
34 ter oaths to witnesses testifying before it. Such  
35 summonses shall be issued and such oaths admin-  
36 istered by the chairman of the committee.

37 Said committee shall report to the general court  
38 the results of its investigation hereunder and its  
39 recommendations, by filing the same with the clerk  
40 of the house of representatives on or before March  
41 fifteenth in the current year.



