

HOUSE No. 431

By Mrs. Cutler of Needham, petition of Henry W. Jarvis for an investigation by the committee on Public Welfare relative to the commitment of persons to institutions for the insane. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY DURING THE RECESS OF THE GENERAL COURT BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE RELATIVE TO THE COMMITMENT OF PERSONS TO INSTITUTIONS FOR THE INSANE.

1 *Resolved*, That the committee on public welfare is
2 hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the
3 General Court to make an investigation and study
4 relative to the commitment of persons to institutions
5 for the insane, with a view to determining what
6 changes, if any, in said laws may be advisable. Said
7 committee shall hold hearings, may require of the
8 department of mental health and such other depart-
9 ments and such commissions or officers of the com-
10 monwealth as have or can obtain information in
11 relation to the subject matter of this resolve such
12 assistance as may be helpful in the course of its
13 investigation and study. In making its investigation
14 and study hereunder, said committee shall consider
15 the subject matter of current house document num-

16 bered three hundred and fifty-one. Said committee
17 may expend for expenses and clerical and other assist-
18 ance such sums not exceeding, in the aggregate,
19 dollars as may hereafter be appropriated
20 therefor. Said committee shall report to the general
21 court the results of its investigation and study and
22 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
23 legislation necessary to carry such recommendations
24 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
25 house of representatives on or before the first Wednes-
26 day of December in the year nineteen hundred and
27 forty-five.