

SENATE No. 275

To accompany the petition of Edward C. Peirce that provision be made for the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate and study the rights, powers and duties of the New Bedford Housing Authority. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE NEW BEDFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and two persons to be appointed by the
6 governor is hereby established for the purpose of
7 making an investigation and study relative to the
8 rights, powers and duties of the New Bedford housing
9 authority, with special reference to the manner of
10 fixing rents and the system followed in selecting ten-
11 ants by said authority, with a view to making such
12 changes in the procedure used by said authority as
13 may be necessary for the best interests of the public.
14 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in
15 the state house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings
16 and may call upon the officials and employees of said

17 authority for such information as it may require in
18 the course of its study. Said commission may expend
19 for clerical and other services and expenses such sums
20 as may be appropriated therefor. Said commission
21 shall report to the general court the results of its study
22 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts
23 of legislation necessary to carry said recommenda-
24 tions into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
25 the senate not later than the first Wednesday in
26 December of the current year.