

SENATE No. 678

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 12, 1951.

The joint committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1), as relates to the re-examination of the fund system of the Commonwealth with a view to producing more efficient and less mystifying public finance (page 4); so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1), as relates to a more equitable distribution of State revenues to cities and towns (pages 5-6); the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 667) of Henry F. Long (Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation) for making an appropriation for reimbursing cities and towns for loss of taxes on land for state institutions and certain other state activities and for removing certain limits on such appropriations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1227) of Vernon E. Bradley for payment to municipalities of certain sums to reimburse them for loss of taxes imposed on domestic business and domestic and foreign manufacturing corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2026) of Edward Monahan, Harold W. Canavan and William H. J. Rowan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the distribution of state funds to cities and towns; and the biennial report of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation (under Section 9 of Chapter 58 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 112 of the Acts of 1941) submitting an equalization and apportionment upon the several cities and towns

of the amount of property and the proportion of every one thousand dollars of state or county tax which should be assessed upon each city and town (House, No. 2066); report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 678).

For the committee,

HARRY P. McALLISTER.

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Ordered, That the Joint Ways and Means Committee is hereby authorized to make an investigation and study of the subject matter of so much of the governor's address (senate, number one) as relates to the re-examination of the fund system of the Commonwealth with a view to producing more efficient and less mystifying public finance (page four); so much of the Governor's address (senate, number one) as relates to a more equitable distribution of state revenues to cities and towns (pages five and six); current house document numbered twenty hundred and sixty-six, biennial report of the commissioner of corporations and taxation (under section nine of chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws, as amended by chapter one hundred and twelve of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one) submitting an equalization and apportionment upon the several cities and towns of the amount of property and the proportion of every one thousand dollars of state or county tax which should be assessed upon each city and town; current petition, accompanied by house bill numbered six hundred and sixty-seven, of Henry F. Long (commissioner of corporations and taxation) for making an appropriation for reimbursing cities and towns for loss of taxes on land for state institutions and certain other state activities and for removing certain limits on such appropriations; current petition, accompanied by house bill numbered twelve hundred and twenty-seven, of Vernon E. Bradley for payment to municipalities of certain sums to reimburse them for loss of taxes imposed on domestic business and domestic and foreign manufacturing corporations; current petition, accompanied by house resolve numbered twenty hundred and twenty-six, of Edward Monahan,

Harold W. Canavan and William H. J. Rowan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the general court) of the distribution of state funds to cities and towns. Said committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives from time to time but not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.