

HOUSE No. 1734

By Mr. Farrell of Worcester, petition of Thomas F. Farrell for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the continuation of transportation service in the area served by the Boston and Albany Railroad. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE BOSTON AND ALBANY RAILROAD.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 three members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof, the senator who is first named to be the chairman of
4 the commission, seven members of the house of representatives
5 to be designated by the speaker thereof, the representative
6 first named to be vice-chairman of the commission; the at-
7 torney general or his designee, the chairman of the commission
8 of the department of public utilities or his designee, and three
9 persons to be appointed by the governor, is hereby established
10 to make an investigation and study relative to the continua-
11 tion of passenger service on the Boston & Albany Railroad
12 and its various branches, the possible abandonment of one
13 track, passenger stations and passenger service throughout
14 the whole system. Said commission shall consider the reports
15 of recess commissions previously established by resolves of the
16 general court, relating to the investigation of transportation
17 facilities, and such evidence, including the testimony of ex-
18 perts, as it may deem advisable. Said commission may call

19 upon the department of public utilities and other depart-
20 ments, boards, commissions and officers of the commonwealth
21 for such information as it may desire in the course of its in-
22 vestigation. Said commission shall investigate the applica-
23 tion and effect of the segregation formula in the application of
24 expenses on profit or loss of the Boston & Albany Railroad
25 and include in its report its finding concerning the same.
26 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state
27 house or elsewhere, shall hold public hearings, shall have the
28 power to summon witnesses and to require the production of
29 books, records, contracts and papers, and the giving of testi-
30 mony under oath. Said commission may travel within and
31 without the commonwealth and may expend such sums as
32 may be appropriated for expert, clerical and other services
33 and expenses. Said experts shall be appointed by the com-
34 mission. Said commission shall report to the general court
35 the results of its study and investigation by filing the same,
36 together with such plans, statistics and drafts of legislation as
37 it may deem necessary or appropriate, with the clerk of the
38 house of representatives, not later than the first Wednesday
39 in January, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.