

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3027

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 6, 1963.

The committee on Rules to whom was referred the order (filed by Mr. Crawford of Pittsfield) relative to the appointment of a special committee of the House to investigate the State Racing Commission, the awarding of racing dates to state and county fairs and the organizational makeup of the Berkshire County Fair and the Franklin County Fair (House, No. 3027, printed as amended), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN.

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*Ordered,* That a special committee, to consist of five members of the house of representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, three of whom shall be members of the Democratic Party, and two of whom shall be members of the Republican Party, is hereby authorized and directed to make an immediate investigation of the Massachusetts State Racing Commission in the conduct of its hearings, its conferences leading up to and the circumstances involved in the awarding of racing dates on January thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixty-three, for the calendar year nineteen hundred and sixty-three, with particular reference to the awarding of dates to the so-called Fairs and furthermore to ascertain a true and proper definition of State and County Fairs as differentiated from "any exhibition for" the encouragement or extension of agriculture.

Said committee shall include in its study the difference in revenue to the commonwealth derived from regular racing meets in comparison to the revenue to be derived from such racing dates at said agricultural fairs.

Said committee shall also include in its investigation the organizational makeup of both the Berkshire County Fair and the Franklin County Fair. It shall also investigate and report on the activities of these organizations in promoting agriculture.

Said committee in its study shall place special emphasis on the economic impact such additional racing meets will have on the Berkshire area. It shall also take into consideration the effect additional racing dates will have on tourist accommodations due to the Berkshire Music Festival and other cultural activities which have made the Berkshire area a tourist attraction during the June and July periods.

Said committee shall make a report of its findings to the House of Representatives on or before April first, nineteen hundred and sixty-three, with recommendations relative to the possible correction of the action taken by said commission in granting such extra dates.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, shall have the power to summon

witnesses and to require the production of books, records and papers as it deems necessary.

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Adopted.

WILLIAM C. MAIERS,  
*Clerk.*

