

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of Raymond L. Flynn and Joseph F. Timilty for the appointment of a joint special committee for the purpose of studying the security and conditions of public housing in the Commonwealth. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

1 *Ordered*, That a joint special committee, to consist of three
2 members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof and five members of the house of representatives to be
4 designated by the speaker thereof, is hereby established for the
5 purpose of studying the security and conditions of public
6 housing in the commonwealth. Said committee may expend for
7 legal, clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may
8 be appropriated therefor, shall be provided with quarters in the
9 state house or elsewhere and shall be entitled to receive from
10 the department of community affairs such data and informa-
11 tion in their possession as may be of assistance to the
12 committee. Said committee shall report to the general court
13 the results of its study and its recommendations, if any,
14 together with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to
15 carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same
16 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the
17 last Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-
18 three.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

ARTICLE I. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Section 1. The legislative department shall consist of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate shall be composed of twelve members, and the House of Representatives shall be composed of twenty members. The members of the Senate shall hold office for four years, and the members of the House of Representatives shall hold office for two years. The Governor shall have the right to veto any bill passed by the Legislature, and the Legislature shall have the right to override such veto by a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. The Senate shall have the sole power to impeach and try judges of the Supreme Court and judges of the inferior courts. The House of Representatives shall have the sole power to impeach and try the Governor and other officers of the State. The Senate shall also have the power to confirm or disapprove the appointments of judges and other officers of the State.

Section 3. The Legislature shall have the power to raise and appropriate money, to borrow money, and to regulate the public debt. It shall also have the power to grant charters to cities and towns, and to regulate the public lands. The Legislature shall also have the power to create and organize courts, and to regulate the judicial system.

Section 4. The Legislature shall have the power to enact laws, and to amend the Constitution. It shall also have the power to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, and to suspend the operation of laws in times of emergency. The Legislature shall also have the power to declare war, and to make treaties with foreign nations.

Section 5. The Legislature shall have the power to impeach and try judges of the Supreme Court and judges of the inferior courts. The House of Representatives shall have the sole power to impeach and try the Governor and other officers of the State. The Senate shall also have the power to confirm or disapprove the appointments of judges and other officers of the State.