

HOUSE No. 93

By Messrs. Davoren of Milford and Colonna of Framingham, petition of John F. X. Davoren and Anthony M. Colonna for the adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing Congress to repeal the ten per cent excise tax on telephone service. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE TEN PER CENT EXCISE (LUXURY) TAX ON TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Whereas, As an emergency measure during time of war the United States levied a ten per cent excise tax on telephone service in the nature of a luxury tax; and

Whereas, The state of emergency which gave rise to this tax has long since passed; and

Whereas, The telephone cannot even remotely be considered a luxury, but is instead a vital necessity in the home, office, factory or public institution; and

Whereas, It is grossly unfair and inequitable to continue to extract such a tax from the citizens of this country; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States and the President be urged to repeal the excise tax on telephone service forthwith; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to each member of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from Massachusetts, the President of the United States and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

