By Mr. Tamkin of Boston (by request), petition of Irving Mursteen for requiring a majority of committee members to attend legislative hearings and providing for a roll call vote on all matters heard by committees. Rules (acting concurrently).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS BE ATTENDED BY A MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PROVIDING FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON ALL BILLS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to
2 the contrary, all public legislative hearings shall be attended by
3 a majority of the committee members and, within seven days
4 after said hearing, the chairman of the committee shall cause to
5 be recorded the yeas and nays of each member of the committee
6 in attendance on all bills and resolves heard by said committee,
7 and the same shall be made available to the clerks of the senate
8 and house of representatives who shall prepare and cause to be
9 printed monthly while the legislature is in session a document
10 to be known as the "Committee Record." Said record shall
11 list by number the bills and resolves heard by each legislative
12 committee, the names of the committee members and the vote
13 of each member attending the hearings on each bill and resolve.
14 The clerk of the senate and house of representatives shall, at the
15 end of each session, prepare and cause to be printed a "Final
16 Committee Record" which with the "Committee Record" shall
17 be available to any member of the public free of charge at the
18 public document room at the state house and which shall be
19 mailed to the general public upon payment of an annual sub-
20 scription of seven dollars at the office of the sergeant-at-arms.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.