

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5647

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 26, 1979.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1760), of Bruce E. Wetherbee for legislation to prohibit telephone companies from discontinuing service to individuals without a district court hearing, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2353) of Robert B. Ambler, Richard A. Voke, Arthur M. Khoury, Richard L. Walsh, Charles N. Decas, Kevin Poirier and William F. Galvin relative to increasing consumer representation on telephone issues, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2899) of Vincent J. Piro that cable and antenna television companies be prohibited from charging subscribers prior to the installation of the necessary equipment, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3970) of Richard P. Roche and William D. Benson for legislation to direct the Department of Public Utilities to develop certain interstate telephone rate schedules, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4349) of William F. Galvin that the Department of Public Utilities be prohibited from approving rate increases for local telephone calls from coin-operated telephones, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5647, ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

ROBERT B. AMBLER

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

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*Ordered,* That the Committee on Government Regulations be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house documents numbered: 1760, legislation prohibiting the telephone company from discontinuing service to individuals without a District Court hearing; 1763, legislation regulating the termination of telephone service and the payment of security deposits therefor; 2353, legislation relative to increasing consumer representation on telephone issues; 2899, legislation further regulating the billing practices of CATV companies; 3970, legislation directing the Department of Public Utilities to develop certain telephone rate schedules; 4349, legislation freezing the basic rate for local telephone calls from a pay telephone.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State House or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within the Commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said Committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.