SENATE . . . . No. 112

By Mr. King, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 112) of John G. King, Richard R. Silva, Mary Jane Gibson and Robert C. Buell that provision be made for an investigation and study by an executive task force relative to the solicitation methods utilized by religious and charitable groups. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY AN EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE RELATIVE TO THE SOLICITATION METHODS UTILIZED BY RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE GROUPS.

1 *Resolved,* that an executive task force to consist of the at-
2 torney general, the secretary of state and the governor's cab-
3 inet, or their designees, is hereby established for the purpose
4 of conducting a continuing review and study of the secular
5 fund raising activities of religious and charitable organiza-
6 tions in the commonwealth. The attorney general, or his said
7 designee, shall be the chairman of said task force and shall
8 coordinate its activities.
9 In the course of its review, the said task force shall consider
10 all relevant statutes, regulations and procedures pertaining to
11 solicitation, use, disposal and reporting of such funds by said
12 religious and charitable organizations.
13 Said task force shall consider the desirability or need to
14 protect the public interest by modification of said statutes,
15 regulations and procedures, including, but not limited to, chap-
16 ters fifty-eight to sixty-eight, inclusive, of the General Laws.
17 Said task force shall report to the General Court the results
18 of its review and study and its recommendations, if any, to-
19 gether with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
20 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
21 the House of Representatives on or before the first Wednes-
22 day of December, nineteen hundred and eighty, but shall file
23 an interim report with the said clerk on or before July first,
24 nineteen hundred and eighty.