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**SENATE . . . . . No. 391**

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By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 391) of Robert D. Wetmore and Richard H. Demers that provision be made for an investigation and study by the Consumers' Council, the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Energy, relative to the increasing cost of home fuel oil, gasoline and natural gas in the Commonwealth. Energy.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE CONSUMERS' COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, RELATIVE TO INCREASING COST OF HOME FUEL OIL, GASOLINE AND NATURAL GAS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, that the consumers' council, the department of  
2 public utilities and the department of energy, acting jointly  
3 are hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation  
4 and study relative to the continuing increases in the cost of  
5 home fuel oil, gasoline and natural gas to consumers in the  
6 commonwealth and establishing a program and method of  
7 reducing such costs. Said departments and council shall report  
8 to the general court the results of their investigation and  
9 study, and their recommendations, if any, together with drafts  
10 of such legislation as may be necessary to carry such recom-  
11 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of  
12 house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday in  
13 January nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

