

SENATE No. 1468

By Mr. Parker, a petitioner (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1468) of John F. Parker, Robert A. Hall and David H. Locke for legislation to provide for the preparation of a summary relative to each favorable report on legislation filed by a joint standing committee giving an explanation of the bill and the substantive reasons for the recommendation and further providing for the keeping of minutes by all joint standing legislative committees and the House and Senate committees on Ways and Means. Rules (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF A SUMMARY RELATIVE TO EACH FAVORABLE REPORT ON LEGISLATION FILED BY A JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE GIVING AN EXPLANATION OF THE BILL AND THE SUBSTANTIVE REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE KEEPING OF MINUTES BY ALL JOINT STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS.

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

- 1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after Section 29 the following new sections: —
- 3 *Section 29A.* When a favorable report is made upon a peti-
- 4 tion by a joint standing committee, a summary signed by the
- 5 committee chairman, shall be prepared and kept on file as a
- 6 public record by the committee. Said summary shall provide
- 7 in brief a) an explanation of the bill and b) the substantive
- 8 reasons for the recommendation of the committee. Upon
- 9 Prorogation, such summaries shall be deposited in the state
- 10 library.
- 11 *Section 29B.* Minutes shall be kept of all hearings before
- 12 joint standing committees and the house nad senate commit-
- 13 tees on Ways and Means. Said minutes shall include, but not
- 14 be limited to, bill number, title, names and relevant affiliations

15 of those speaking for and against, and a brief summary of
 16 their arguments. Such minutes shall be kept on file as a pub-
 17 lic record by the committee. Upon prorogation, such minutes
 18 shall be deposited in the state library.