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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 17, 1978.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 58) of Jack H. Backman and John A. Businger for legislation to regulate the delivery of motor fuels by distributors to retail dealers, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 81) of Allan R. McKinnon, John A. Brennan, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend the petroleum fuel reporting act, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 82) of Allan R. McKinnon, John A. Brennan, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate the delivery of motor fuel by distributors to retail dealers, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 83) of Allan R. McKinnon, John A. Brennan, Jr., and other members of the General Court for legislation to amend the regulation of dealers' agreements for the sale of gasoline, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 107) of Joseph B. Walsh for legislation to require self-service gasoline stations, so-called, to sell petroleum products at an eight cent discount per gallon, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 753) of George R. Sprague and James J. Gaffney III for legislation to further regulate dealers' agreements for the sale of gasoline, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1509) of John F. Melia for legislation to require self-service gasoline stations to have at least two employees on the premises during certain night time hours, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2136) of Raymond M. LaFontaine for legislation to regulate self-service gasoline stations, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2325) of J. Michael Ruane for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the rental practices of oil companies and service station proprietors, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3253) of Robert F. Larkin, Jr., to prohibit petroleum suppliers from owning motor vehicle service stations, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3255) of Peter C. McCarthy for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the rental practices of oil companies and service station proprietors, the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 3445) of Thomas F. Fallon for legislation to limit the amount of self-service gas stations to ten per cent of the total amount of gas stations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3449) of Robert F. Larkin, Jr., for legislation to prohibit the operation of split-island gasoline service stations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3450) of Robert F. Larkin, Jr., for legislation to prohibit for a period of one year the construction of self-service gasoline stations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4354) of Robert F. Larkin, Jr., relative to ascertaining the will of the voters with the reference to the operation of self-service gasoline stations in cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4355) of Robert F. Larkin, Jr., for legislation to ascertain the will of the voters with reference to the licensing of self-service gasoline stations within the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4356) of Raymond S. Peck for legislation to regulate the delivery of motor fuel by distributors to retail dealers, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4829) of Roger R. Goyette that all automotive gasoline sold shall be rated at least ninety octane, reports recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5746) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF OIL COMPANIES AND SERVICE STATIONS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of two members  
2 of the senate, four members of the house of representatives and  
3 three members to be appointed by the governor, is hereby  
4 established for the purpose of making an investigation and study  
5 relating to the business practices of oil companies and service  
6 stations.

