

[NEW DRAFT]

SENATE No. 1969

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, MARCH 26, 1984.

The Committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the bill memorializing the Congress of the United States to establish a reserve officer training corps (R.O.T.C.) for high school students (Senate No. 455), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a Resolution entitled "Resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to establish a reserve officer training corps (R.O.T.C.) for high school students." (Senate, No. 1969). And that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the Committee

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (R.O.T.C.) FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, a Reserve Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) for students in high schools, including district and regional high schools, would promote and foster good citizenship and assure the country of an adequate defense at all times; and

WHEREAS, students, upon being commissioned to the rank of second lieutenant, ensign, or equal rank would be required after accepting said commission, to serve five consecutive years in the reserves, with a thirty to forty-five day tour of duty; and

WHEREAS, if our federal government can afford to give away tens of billions of dollars in our national defense, then surely we can afford to pay with federal funds for a Reserve Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) for high school students; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts General Court respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to establish and pay for, with federal funds, a Reserve Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) for students in high schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the Clerk of the Senate to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of each branch of congress, and to the members thereof from the commonwealth.