

SENATE No. 1986

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, APRIL 5, 1984.

The Senate committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1874) of John A. Brennan for legislation requiring a review of unexpended appropriations financed by bonds, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1986).

For the Committee

JOHN A. BRENNAN, JR.

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

AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS FINANCED BY BONDS.

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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-
2 ing after Section 14 the following new section: —

3 *Section 14A.* The comptroller shall file with the commissioner
4 of administration, the clerk of the house of representatives,
5 the clerk of the senate, and the house and senate committees
6 on ways and means, a report listing those appropriations for
7 other than ordinary maintenance financed by bonds or notes
8 which, if unexpended, will revert at the end of the fiscal year.
9 The report shall list appropriations by line item as appearing
10 in the records of the comptroller and shall cite the chapter of
11 the acts and resolves which authorized the appropriation. The
12 report shall be filed not later than March 15 of each fiscal year.

13 The governor shall review annually all appropriations for
14 other than ordinary maintenance which are financed by the
15 sale of bonds or notes which if unexpended will revert at the
16 end of the fiscal year. The governor shall transmit a recom-
17 mendation to the general court not later than April 15 of each
18 fiscal year detailing which of those appropriations previously
19 authorized but unexpended should be continued, reduced or
20 repealed. Said recommendation shall include a statement of
21 the reasons for either continuing, reducing or repealing those
22 appropriations.