
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 8, 1984.

The committee on Housing and Urban Development, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 654) of Jack H. Backman, George Bachrach and the Massachusetts Tenants Organization, by Donald Laliberte, president, for legislation to control rents; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 667) of John P. Burke for legislation to further define discrimination in housing; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 724) of Joseph F. Timilty, George Bachrach and other members of the Senate for legislation to afford tenants the right to purchase the multi-family dwelling in which they reside in certain cases; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 729) of Peter C. Webber for legislation to provide the option to purchase facilities leased by a housing authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 325) of John Gray, Frank A. Emilio and Joseph N. Hermann for legislation to eliminate the requirement for notice to quit in termination of certain tenancies in owner-occupied two family homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 327) of Marie J. Parente for legislation to exempt social security from the computation of income in determining rent for certain public housing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 517) of Andrew J. Rogers, Jr., and another for legislation to authorize reasonable offers of settlement for breeches of an owner's express or implied duty pursuant to a rental agreement; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 680) of Thomas C. Norton and another relative to fair cash valuation of condominium units which continue to be used as rental housing prior to conveyance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 868) of Saundra Graham and other members of the General Court relative to modifying the provisions of law providing for the relocation of persons displaced due to the enforcement of certain housing codes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 870) of Saundra Graham and other members of the General Court relative to relocation assistance from buyers to tenants forced to move; the petition (accompanied

by bill, House, No. 873) of Saundra Graham, Nicholas J. Costello, Christopher J. Hodgkins, John A. Businger, Barbara Hildt and Doris Bunte that the Department of Community Affairs be authorized to establish an office for administering relocation or displacement funds contributed by certain private citizens; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2151) of Thomas M. Gallagher and John A. Businger that provision be made for equality in bargaining power between tenants and landlords; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3112) of Timothy A. Bassett and Frances F. Alexander relative to certain tenancies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3115) of Edmund G. Woods and Timothy A. Bassett for legislation to regulate the eviction of certain tenants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3841) of John A. Businger for legislation to further regulate certain rental agreements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4017) of Thomas M. Gallagher, other members of the House and another relative to allowing tenants to purchase the multi-family dwellings in which such tenants reside; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4881) of Robert E. Lincoln and Joseph M. Navin for legislation to protect elderly tenants from eviction from apartment buildings to be converted into units for offices or businesses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5402) of John A. Businger, other members of the General Court and others for legislation to stabilize residential rents and to minimize residential displacement; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5403) of John A. Businger, Barbara E. Gray, Michael W. Morrissey, the Legislative Council of Older Americans and the Mass. Tenants Organization that cities and towns be authorized to establish housing review boards, reports the accompanying order (Senate, No. 2089).

For the Committee,

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1 *Ordered*, That the Committee on Housing and Urban De-
2 velopment be authorized to sit during the recess of the Gen-
3 eral Court for the purpose of making an investigation and
4 study of the subject of the current Senate documents num-
5 bered: — 654, legislation to control rents; 667, legislation to
6 further define discrimination in housing; 724, legislation to
7 afford tenants the right to purchase the multi-family dwelling
8 in which they reside in certain cases; 729, legislation to pro-
9 vide the option to purchase facilities leased by a housing au-
10 thority; and of current house documents: — 325, legislation to
11 eliminate the requirement for notice to quit in termination of
12 certain tenancies in owner-occupied two family homes; 327,
13 legislation to exempt social security from the computation of
14 income in determining rent for certain public housing; 517,
15 legislation to authorize reasonable offers of settlement for
16 breeches of an owner's express or implied duty pursuant to a
17 rental agreement; 680, legislation relative to fair cash valua-
18 tion of condominium units which continue to be used as rental
19 housing prior to conveyance; 868, legislation relative to modi-
20 fying the provisions of law providing for the relocation of
21 persons displaced due to the enforcement of certain housing
22 codes; 870, legislation relative to relocation assistance from
23 buyers to tenants forced to move; 873, legislation that the De-
24 partment of Community Affairs be authorized to establish an
25 office for administering relocation or displacement funds con-
26 tributed by certain private citizens; 2151, legislation that pro-
27 vision be made for equality in bargaining power between ten-
28 ants and landlords; 3112, legislation relative to certain tenan-
29 cies; 3115, legislation to regulate the eviction of certain ten-
30 ants; 3841, legislation to further regulate certain rental agree-
31 ments; 4017, legislation to allow tenants to purchase the multi-
32 family dwellings in which such tenants reside; 4881, legisla-
33 tion to protect elderly tenants from eviction from apartment
34 buildings to be converted into units for offices or businesses;
35 5402, legislation to stabilize residential rents and to minimize

36 residential displacement; 5403, legislation that the Legislative
37 Council of Older American and the Mass. Tenants Organiza-
38 tion that cities and towns be authorized to establish housing
39 review boards.

40 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State-
41 house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel
42 within the Commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and
43 other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated
44 therefore. Said committee shall report to the General Court
45 the results of its investigation and study, and its recommenda-
46 tions, if any, together with drafts of such legislation necessary
47 to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same
48 with the clerk of the Senate on or before the first Wednesday
49 of December, nineteen hundred and eighty-four.