
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 10, 1988.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 321) of Argeo Paul Cellucci and Thomas F. Brownell for legislation relative to the rights of owners of certain easements; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 323) of Nicholas J. Costello, Lawrence R. Alexander, Mary L. Padula and David P. Magnani for legislation relative to small power production facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 324) of Nicholas J. Costello, John A. Businger, Thomas G. Palumbo, Larry F. Giordano, Barbara Hildt and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to prohibit the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company from making any further investments in the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 325) of Nicholas J. Costello for legislation to prohibit the pass through of certain cost overruns on new nuclear power plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 326) of Nicholas J. Costello for legislation to prohibit the Department of Public Utilities from allowing utility companies to charge their customers for certain costs relating to the development of cancelled nuclear power plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 327) of Nicholas J. Costello for legislation to prohibit the Department of Public Utilities from granting certain authorizations in conflict with local zoning laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 329) of Nicholas J. Costello, Thomas G. Palumbo, Barbara Hildt and Marie E. Howe for legislation to further regulate the construction of electric generating units that are determined not to be in the public interest; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 331) of Paul V. Doane and Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., for legislation regarding the rights of abutting owners on private ways to install sewer along with other utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 334) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to provide for the election of two members of the Public Utilities Commission; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 342) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to prohibit utility companies from including costs of

advertising or public relations in their petitions for rate increases with the Department of Public Utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 369) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation relative to the relocation of property of a public utility company; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 370) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation relative to the issuance of stock, bonds and evidences of indebtedness by gas and electric companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 371) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation to require public agencies to reimburse public utility companies for the costs of relocation; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 372) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation to authorize the Department of Public Utilities to establish minimum meter rentals; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 374) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation to clarify the authority of the Department of Public Utilities to inspect gas meters; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 375) of Joseph B. Walsh and L. William Law, Jr., for legislation to amend provisions for the inspection and replacement of gas meters; reports the accompanying order (Senate, No. 1693).

For the committee,

THOMAS C. NORTON.

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

1 *Ordered*, That the joint committee on Government Regula-
2 tions be authorized and directed to make an investigation and
3 study of the issues pertaining to legislation affecting electric and
4 gas utilities. The committee shall study and report on current
5 senate documents numbered 321, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 331,
6 334, 340, 342, 369, 370, 371, 372, 374 and 375.

7 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State
8 House or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within
9 the Commonwealth and may expend for clerical and other services
10 and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefore. Said
11 committee shall report to the General Court the results of its
12 investigation and study, and its recommendation if any, together
13 with the drafts of such legislation necessary to carry such
14 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the Clerk
15 of the Senate on or before the first Wednesday of December,
16 nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

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