

By Mr. Heffernan of Boston, petition of John J. Heffernan relative to an investigation of the service rendered within the Commonwealth by telephone companies. Rules (acting concurrently). Dec. 17, 1923.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

Resolve providing for an Investigation of the Service Rendered within this Commonwealth by Telephone Companies.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist
2 of two senators to be appointed by the president of
3 the senate, and three representatives to be ap-
4 pointed by the speaker of the house, and a repre-
5 sentative of the department of public utilities, shall
6 investigate the telephone service and charges for
7 telephone service, within this commonwealth. The
8 commission shall make a preliminary report not
9 later than May first, nineteen hundred and twenty-
10 four and a final report, with recommendation and
11 drafts for such legislation as it may deem expe-
12 dient, to the next annual session of the general
13 court, by filing with the clerk of the house of repre-
14 sentatives on or before the second Wednesday of
15 January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five. By the
16 filing of such report the existence of the commission
17 shall be terminated. The commission shall be fur-
18 nished with rooms in the state house and shall hold
19 public hearings.

20 The commission may incur such reasonable ex-
21 penses, including such sums for traveling, clerical
22 and such other assistance as may be approved by
23 the governor and council, not exceeding such sums
24 as the general court may appropriate, providing
25 that the members of the commission shall not re-
26 ceive reimbursements, except for expenses actually
27 incurred in the discharge of their duties.