
By Mr. Heffernan of Boston, petition of Charles H. McGlue relative to an investigation of the shoe and leather industry of the Commonwealth. Labor and Industry. Jan. 18, 1924.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

Resolve to provide for an Investigation of the Shoe and Leather Industry in Massachusetts.

1 *Resolved*, The governor, with the aid and consent of
2 the council, shall appoint a commission of five persons
3 engaged in the shoe and leather industry in Massachu-
4 setts, one of whom shall be an active shoemaker at the
5 bench, and one of whom shall be a member of organized
6 labor having to do with unions connected with the shoe
7 industry to study the conditions affecting the shoe and
8 leather industry with particular reference as to the
9 status of the industry in Massachusetts in comparison
10 with similar industries in other American states and in
11 foreign markets. They shall report as to cause of the
12 marked depression in the shoe and leather trade, as to
13 the reason for the removal of so many firms from Massa-
14 chusetts and the liquidation and bankruptcy of a great
15 number of other concerns in this industry.

16 They shall report as to the relation of transportation
17 by rail, shipping, or motor vehicles, and such other fac-
18 tors as may be germane to the matter in question.

19 They shall have authority to employ counsel, investi-
20 gator, and statisticians, and such clerical assistance as
21 may be necessary. They shall have authority to sum-
22 mons witnesses, administer oaths, and to hold conferences

23 without the commonwealth. They may expend such
24 sums, from an appropriation of the general court not
25 exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, as may be ap-
26 proved by the governor and council.

27 The commission shall report to the legislature not
28 later than the third Wednesday in February, nineteen
29 hundred and twenty-five, with the results of its findings
30 with such recommendations as are found expedient.

