

By Mr. Ansel of Boston, petition of Julius Ansel for requiring unanimous consent of the advisory board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority before the trustees of said authority may submit a schedule of rates to the Department of Public Utilities for approval. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY MUST RECEIVE THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF SAID AUTHORITY BEFORE SUBMITTING A SCHEDULE OF RATES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR ITS APPROVAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11 of chapter 544 of the acts of 1947, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the first
3 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following para-
4 graph: —

5 The trustees, with the unanimous consent of the advisory
6 board and subject to the approval of the department, shall from
7 time to time fix such rates of fares and charges for services fur-
8 nished or operated as in their judgment are best adopted to
9 insure sufficient income to meet the cost of the service, as herein-
10 after defined.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
2 special law to the contrary, the present board of trustees of the
3 Metropolitan Transit Authority shall reconsider the fare rate as
4 approved by the department of public utilities by decision
5 number 13649, dated October eleventh, nineteen hundred and
6 sixty-one and in accordance with the provisions of section one,
7 resubmit a new schedule of rates and fares to said department.

The Commission on the Environment

Report of the Commission on the Environment

The Commission on the Environment was organized by the President in 1969 to study the environmental problems of the Nation and to recommend effective and feasible policies and programs to solve these problems. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from interested citizens and organizations. It has also conducted extensive research and has held many public hearings. The Commission's report is the result of its work.

The Commission's report is divided into two main parts. The first part deals with the environmental problems of the Nation and the second part deals with the Commission's recommendations.

The Commission believes that the most important environmental problems of the Nation are air pollution, water pollution, and the depletion of natural resources. These problems are caused by the rapid growth of the Nation's population and the increasing use of fossil fuels and other non-renewable resources.

The Commission believes that the most effective way to solve these problems is to adopt a comprehensive environmental policy. This policy should be based on the following principles: (1) the protection of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations; (2) the use of the Nation's resources in a way that will not deplete them; and (3) the promotion of a high quality of life for all Americans.

The Commission recommends that the following actions be taken: (1) the establishment of a Department of the Environment; (2) the creation of a National Environmental Policy Act; (3) the establishment of a National Environmental Fund; (4) the creation of a National Environmental Council; (5) the establishment of a National Environmental Education Program; (6) the creation of a National Environmental Research Program; (7) the establishment of a National Environmental Information System; (8) the creation of a National Environmental Enforcement System; (9) the establishment of a National Environmental Monitoring System; and (10) the creation of a National Environmental Planning System.