

HOUSE No. 1935

By Mr. Armstrong of Plymouth, petition of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for adoption of resolutions by the General Court requesting the Governor and other state officers and department heads to examine certain actions and orders which may help the economy in the Commonwealth. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE TO HELP BETTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

1 *Resolved, Whereas*, a favorable economic climate is hereby
2 defined as follows:—

3 1. Fair and equitable treatment in general legislation and
4 administrative regulation for all segments of Massachusetts'
5 economy.

6 2. A framework of government the support of which adds no
7 greater cost to doing business than the cost of government im-
8 posed by other states of similar industrialization and favorable
9 climate.

10 3. Equitable tax policies and restriction of the cost of govern-
11 ment to reasonable levels.

12 4. Fair treatment for all in legislation and administration of
13 labor-management relations affairs.

14 5. Fostering, in the public interest, an economic atmosphere
15 which will enable Massachusetts business and industry to com-
16 pete for out-of-state markets, remembering that wide marketing
17 of Massachusetts' products brings wealth into the state, thereby
18 raising the standard of living of all of our people; and

19 *Whereas*, For reasons hereinafter set forth it will be critically
20 important for Massachusetts to continue to maintain and im-
21 prove its business climate; and

22 *Whereas*, The capital investment necessary to create ninety
23 thousand new manufacturing jobs that will be needed by nine-

24 teen hundred and seventy to provide for an expanding labor
25 force will be one and one half billion dollars; and

26 *Whereas*, Basic industry is the prime mover of the rest of the
27 Massachusetts business economy; and

28 *Whereas*, Healthy industry broadens the tax base, thereby
29 providing much-needed revenues for community facilities and
30 government services for all our people; and

31 *Whereas*, In this era of rapid industrial expansion and reloca-
32 tion throughout the United States, industries, selecting locations,
33 are vitally concerned about the relative economic climate among
34 the states; and

35 *Whereas*, A favorable economic climate attracts needed in-
36 dustrial pay rolls; attitudes and actions which build an un-
37 favorable business climate could tend to deter the coming to
38 Massachusetts of manufacturing plants which, in the relocation
39 process, are free to seek the most favorable locations to them-
40 selves elsewhere in the nation for serving their markets; and

41 *Whereas*, Preservation of our good business climate is in the
42 public interest and can be continued without discriminating
43 against any other interest in Massachusetts; now, therefore, be it

44 Resolved by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts,
45 That this legislature henceforth shall examine all proposed legis-
46 lation relating to business, industry and agriculture in terms of
47 its effect upon the economic climate of the commonwealth, and
48 shall determine whether such legislation may have any future
49 discriminating or deterring effect upon the investment of capital
50 and the creation of needed pay rolls in Massachusetts; and be
51 it further

52 *Resolved*, That the members of this legislature hereby request
53 the governor, the comptroller, the commissioner of administra-
54 tion and finance, the treasurer and the director of each depart-
55 ment in the state government to examine their own discretionary
56 actions and orders in any way relating to business, industry and
57 agriculture in terms of the effect of such governmental action
58 upon the economic climate in Massachusetts; and be it further

59 *Resolved*, That the clerk of the senate or the clerk of the house,
60 as the case may be, is hereby directed to transmit suitable copies
61 of this resolution to the governor, the secretary of state, the
62 comptroller, the treasurer and to each director or head of every
63 department in the government of the commonwealth of Massa-
64 chusetts.