

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2865

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By Mr. Ansel of Boston, petition of Julius Ansel for the payment from the state treasury of a sum of money to Joseph Distaso of Winthrop to compensate him for his arrest and imprisonment for a crime for which he was not prosecuted because of lack of evidence. Ways and Means (Joint).

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF JOSEPH DISTASO OF WINTHROP.

1 *Resolved*, That, for the purpose of discharging a moral obliga-  
2 tion of the commonwealth there shall be allowed and paid out  
3 of the state treasury, subject to appropriation, to Joseph Distaso  
4 of Winthrop, who was arrested and held on suspicion of murder  
5 at the Charles Street jail for forty-one days in February and  
6 March of nineteen hundred and sixty, until released for lack  
7 of evidence, the sum of                      dollars as compensation  
8 for undeserved suffering and other damages resulting there-  
9 from. No payment shall be made hereunder until there has been  
10 filed with the comptroller an agreement signed by said Joseph  
11 Distaso that the amount, if any, paid or to be paid for legal  
12 services rendered in connection with the passage of this resolve  
13 shall not exceed ten per cent of said sum.

## The Commission on Government

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT

Presented to the House of Representatives at the first session of the Sixty-third Congress, January 3, 1914.

The Commission on Government was organized on July 1, 1912, by the House of Representatives, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the various agencies of the Federal Government, with a view to determining the most efficient and economical method of their organization and administration. The Commission has held numerous public hearings, and has received many suggestions from the public. It has also conducted extensive research into the history and development of the Federal Government, and has prepared this report as a result of its work.

The Commission believes that the present organization of the Federal Government is not the most efficient or economical, and that certain reforms are necessary to bring it up to date. These reforms include the reorganization of the executive branch, the improvement of the judicial system, and the strengthening of the legislative process. The Commission believes that these reforms are essential for the proper functioning of the Federal Government, and that they should be adopted as soon as possible.