

SENATE No. 354.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 24, 1907.

The joint committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the message from the Governor relative to the appointment of a commission on commerce and industry (House, No. 1315), report the accompanying resolve.

For the committee,

ELMER A. STEVENS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

RESOLVE

To provide for a Commission on Commerce and Industry.

1 *Resolved*, That the governor, with the advice and
2 consent of the council, shall within thirty days after
3 the passage of this resolve appoint a suitable com-
4 mission of five persons, citizens of the Common-
5 wealth representing law, transportation, manufac-
6 tures, capital and labor, to serve without compensa-
7 tion, to be known as the commission on commerce
8 and industry. Said commission shall employ a clerk,
9 whose salary shall be approved by the governor and
10 council, and may employ experts and may incur such
11 reasonable expenses, including traveling expenses,
12 as may be authorized by the governor and council.

13 Before incurring any expense the commission
14 shall from time to time estimate its probable amount
15 and submit the estimate to the governor and coun-
16 cil for their approval, and no expense shall be in-
17 curred by the commission beyond the amount so
18 estimated and approved.

19 The commission shall report to the general court
20 on or before the second Wednesday in January in

21 the year nineteen hundred and eight, with such rec-
22 ommendations for legislation as it shall deem ex-
23 pedient. The powers of the commission shall ter-
24 minate on the second Wednesday in January of
25 said year.

26 The commission shall investigate the present con-
27 dition and future possibilities of investment in the
28 Commonwealth, the present condition and future
29 possibilities of transportation and facilities con-
30 nected with it, of manufactures, of industries, the
31 effect of the relations of capital and labor or of
32 local or state legislation upon such industries, and,
33 in general, may pursue any line of investigation
34 bearing upon the future of the industries of the
35 Commonwealth. They shall consider what may be
36 done whether by legislation, by executive action or
37 by any other means for the exploitation and devel-
38 opment of the industries of the Commonwealth, and
39 may make such investigations as may be practica-
40 ble through printed reports, and testimony of ex-
41 perts as to similar investigations in other states or
42 by the United States government or by foreign gov-
43 ernments.

44 There may be expended from the treasury of the
45 Commonwealth a sum not exceeding fifteen thou-
46 sand dollars to carry out the purposes of this re-
47 solve.

