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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1911.

The committee on Labor, to whom were referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 654) of the president of the Brockton Central Labor Union for legislation relative to the decisions of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration; and the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 875) of Joseph A. Parks for legislation relative to the membership of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, report the accompanying resolve.

For the committee,

JOSEPH A. PARKS.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 5, 1911.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolve to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the matter of conciliation and arbitration in this commonwealth, report that the same ought not to pass.

For the committee,

NORMAN H. WHITE.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

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### RESOLVE

To provide for the Appointment of a Commission to Investigate the Matter of Conciliation and Arbitration in this Commonwealth.

1     *Resolved*, That the governor, with the advice and con-  
2 sent of the council, shall appoint a commission of three  
3 persons, one of whom he shall designate as chairman,  
4 to investigate the practicability and advisability of ex-  
5 tending the authority of the state board of conciliation  
6 and arbitration, and of giving the said board, or some  
7 other board or officer, authority to investigate threatened  
8 strikes or disputes between employers and employees,  
9 and further to investigate the practicability of volunteer  
10 arbitration in settlement of such disagreements or dis-  
11 putes. The board shall also consider House bills six  
12 hundred and fifty-four and eight hundred and seventy-  
13 five now pending. One member of the commission shall  
14 be a representative of organized labor, one shall be an  
15 employer of not less than fifty persons, either individ-  
16 ually or as an officer of a corporation, and the third  
17 shall be a person conversant with questions of public  
18 interest. The commission shall be known as the Com-  
19 mission on Arbitration in Massachusetts. The commis-

20 sion may employ such clerical assistance, may hold such  
21 hearings, and may incur such expense as shall be ap-  
22 proved by the governor and council, and shall report its  
23 findings with drafts of such bills, tentative or otherwise,  
24 as it may deem expedient, not later than May fifteenth  
25 in the current year. The said report shall be made to  
26 the governor, who shall transmit the same with his  
27 recommendations thereon to the general court.

