

HOUSE No. 2561

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1914.

The committee on Education, to whom were referred the petition (recommitted) (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 346) of Maurice Caro that the public schools be supported by the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1061) of M. A. Arnold for the creation of a common school fund and the means of distributing the same; and the petitions (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1581) of Edward E. Willard for the assessment and collection of a state tax to be used for the support of the public schools, report the accompanying resolve.

For the committee,

WILLIAM M. ARMSTRONG.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 4, 1914.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Resolve to provide for an investigation as to a more equitable method of supporting the public schools, report that the same ought to pass, in a new draft, herewith submitted.

For the committee,

SAMUEL I. COLLINS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

RESOLVE

To provide for an Investigation as to a More Equitable Method of supporting the Public Schools.

1 *Resolved*, That the board of education be directed to
2 investigate the methods now prescribed by law for dis-
3 tributing between municipalities and the commonwealth
4 the cost of public education in the commonwealth; to
5 submit a plan for a more equitable distribution of the
6 Massachusetts School Fund to towns having a valuation
7 of less than two million five hundred thousand dollars;
8 and also to make recommendations with regard to a state
9 mill tax or other tax for the support of schools, and the
10 best methods of distributing the proceeds of such tax.
11 The board shall report to the general court not later than
12 the third Wednesday in January in the year nineteen
13 hundred and fifteen, the report to be accompanied by
14 drafts of such bills as may be necessary to carry its
15 recommendations into effect.