
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 4, 1967.

The committee on Taxation, to whom was recommitted the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2956) of Katharine D. Kane and Alan Paul Danovitch that provision be made for public inspection of tax title property before an auction sale thereof; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 858) of Kevin B. Harrington for legislation relative to the growth of research and development expenditures in the Commonwealth under the sales tax law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 873) of Fred Lamson for legislation relative to the disposition of the proceeds of tax title sales; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 892) of Stuart DeBard for legislation to permit the abatement of a portion of unpaid real property taxes on land acquired by a town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 473) of Francis J. McGrath and another for legislation to prohibit assessors of cities and towns from increasing assessments on homes for a period of five years where the home owner has made improvements to his property; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2320) of James J. Sullivan, Jr., relative to the time for filing in the Land Court a petition to foreclose a tax title; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2496) of Robert H. Quinn for legislation to reduce the time before which a petition to foreclose the right of redemption on real property for nonpayment of taxes may be filed in the Land Court; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2497) of Robert H. Quinn for legislation to provide for the immediate foreclosure of the owner's right of redemption on property in tax title upon a finding that such property is abandoned or upon consent of the owner; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3088) of Katharine D. Kane and Alan Paul Danovitch for legislation to permit increased taxation of

certain unoccupied dwellings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3089) of Katharine D. Kane and Alan Paul Danovitch for legislation to authorize cities and towns to take title to real estate upon which unoccupied buildings exist and for which taxes have remained unpaid for one year or more; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3238) of John J. Desmond for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the advisability of granting certain tax abatements to owners of dwellings conditioned upon the repair and modernizing of the same; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3540) of John F. X. Davoren for legislation relative to the growth of research and development expenditures under the sales tax law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3871) of Joseph S. Loughman for legislation to require an offer of sale of public land before certain land is sold to certain tax exempt entities; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3876) of Joseph F. Irvin relative to the assessment of real estate taxes on certain dwellings, report the accompanying order (House, No. 4729).

For the committee,

MICHAEL CATINO.

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on taxation be authorized to
2 sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of
3 making an investigation and study of the subject matter of
4 current senate documents numbered 858, relating to the
5 growth of research and development expenditures in the
6 commonwealth under the sales tax law; 873, relative to the
7 disposition of the proceeds of tax title sales; 892, permitting
8 the abatement of a portion of unpaid real property taxes on
9 land acquired by a town; of current house documents num-
10 bered 473, providing that assessments shall not be increased
11 for five years where home owner has made improvement;
12 2320, concerning the time for filing in the land court a
13 petition to foreclose a tax title; 2496, reducing the time
14 before which a petition to foreclose the right of redemption
15 on real property for nonpayment of taxes may be filed in the
16 land court; 2497, providing for the immediate foreclosure of
17 the owner's right of redemption on property in tax title upon
18 the finding by the treasurer that such property is abandoned
19 or upon consent of the owner; 2956, providing for public
20 inspection of tax title property before the auction sale of
21 same; 3088, relative to real estate taxes on certain unoccup-
22 ied dwellings; 3089, permitting the taking of a building by a
23 municipality which has been unoccupied for a certain period
24 and upon which taxes are unpaid for one year; of the
25 investigation and study proposed by current house document
26 numbered 3238, relative to the advisability and feasibility of
27 granting certain tax abatements as incentives to eradicating
28 slum areas; of current house documents numbered 3540,
29 relating to the growth of research and development expendi-
30 tures in the commonwealth under the sales tax law; 3871,
31 relative to the sale of public lands to tax exempt entities; and
32 3876, relative to the assessment of certain dwellings.

33 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state
34 house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel
35 within the commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and
36 other services and expenses such sums as may be appropri-
37 ated therefor. Said committee shall report to the general
38 court the results of its investigation and study, and its
39 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
40 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing
41 the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or
42 before the last Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and
43 sixty-eight.