

HOUSE . . . . . No. 3297

By Mr. Ahearn of Norwood, petition of David C. Ahearn for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to practices in sentencing for misdemeanors and felonies. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO SENTENCING PRACTICES FOR MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of two  
2 members of the senate, three members of the house of  
3 representatives, the attorney general or his designee, the  
4 chairman of the parole board or his designee, and two persons  
5 to be appointed by the governor, is hereby established for the  
6 purpose of making an investigation and study relative to  
7 sentencing practices for misdemeanors and felonies, with  
8 particular reference to disparity of sentences for the same  
9 crimes and ways of eliminating such disparity.

The House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, do hereby pass the following resolution:

**The Commission on Government**

In the Year of the Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Six

Resolved, That the Commission on Government be and it is hereby so ordered, to study and report to the House of Representatives on the following subjects:

1. Whether there is a need for a commission on government.
2. Whether the commission should be composed of members of the House and members of the Senate.
3. Whether the commission should be authorized to hold public hearings.
4. Whether the commission should be authorized to call witnesses.
5. Whether the commission should be authorized to subpoena records.
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