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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 2, 1970.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the penalty for disrupting religious services in a church, temple or synagogue (House, No. 5353), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5770).

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. LAFONTAINE.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR DISRUPTING RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN A CHURCH, TEMPLE, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 striking out section 38, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edi-
- 3 tion, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
- 4 *Section 38.* Whoever wilfully interrupts or disturbs an as-
- 5 sembly of people met for worship of God shall be punished by a
- 6 fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment
- 7 for not more than one year.