
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 20, 1970.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 515) of William F. Powers and Joseph J. C. DiCarlo for legislation relative to presence where narcotic drugs are unlawfully kept and reducing the penalty therefor; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 516) of William F. Powers and Joseph J. C. DiCarlo for legislation relative to the seizure, forfeiture and disposition of vehicles used in, for, or in connection with the unlawful possession or use of any narcotic drug; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 521) of Robert Gladwin, James A. Kelly, Jr., for legislation to permit the immediate examination and treatment of minors who are drug addicts without consent of parent or guardian; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 583) of William D. Weeks for legislation to authorize police officers to arrest without a warrant persons in possession of harmful drugs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 724) of Anthony R. DiFruscia that the possession of three ounces or more of a narcotic drug be considered as prima facie evidence of intent to sell; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2894) of Robert H. Quinn (Attorney General) and Daniel W. Carney for legislation to authorize an arrest without a warrant for violation of certain drug laws committed in the presence of an officer; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2895) of Robert H. Quinn (Attorney General) and Daniel W. Carney for legislation to authorize arrest without a warrant for violations of the harmful drug law committed in the presence of a police officer, reports the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 1445). (Representative Kiernan of Lowell dissenting).

For the committee,

JOSEPH D. WARD.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE EXTENT OF THE USE OF HARMFUL, INJURIOUS OR ILLEGAL DRUGS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the special commission established by
2 chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the resolves of nineteen
3 hundred and sixty-seven, and most recently revived and con-
4 tinued under the provisions of chapter three of the resolves
5 of nineteen hundred and seventy, shall, in the course of its
6 investigation and study, consider the subject matter of current
7 senate documents numbered 515, relative to presence where
8 narcotic drugs are unlawfully kept and reducing the penalty
9 therefor; 516, relative to the seizure, forfeiture and disposition
10 of vehicles used in, for, or in connection with the unlawful
11 possession or use of any narcotic drug; 521, permitting the
12 immediate examination and treatment of minors who are
13 drug addicts, etc.; 583, authorizing police officers to arrest
14 without a warrant persons in possession of harmful drugs; of
15 current house documents numbered 724, making illegal
16 possession of a certain quantity of narcotic drug prima facie
17 evidence of intent to sell; 2894, permitting an arrest without
18 a warrant for violations of certain drug laws committed in
19 the presence of an officer; and 2895, permitting an arrest
20 without a warrant for violations of the harmful drug law
21 committed in the presence of an officer.