

HOUSE No. 5710

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 2, 1971.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 513) of David H. Locke that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the costs and the financing of political campaigns, and the expenditures of candidates for public office; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4579) of Mary B. Newman for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the operation of the campaign contributions law and the possibility of limiting campaign expenditures and providing for the dissemination of information at public expense concerning candidates for public office, report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5710) ought to pass.

For the committee,

FRANCIS C. LaPOINTE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS LAW AND OF THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES AND OF PROVIDING FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AT PUBLIC EXPENSE CONCERNING CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three
2 members of the senate, five members of the house of representa-
3 tives, the secretary of the commonwealth, or his designee, and
4 four persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall
5 be the chairman of the Republican State Committee or his
6 designee, and one of whom shall be the chairman of the
7 Democratic State Committee or his designee, is hereby estab-
8 lished for the purpose of making an investigation and study
9 relative to the operation of the campaign contributions law, the
10 possibility of limiting campaign expenditures and providing for
11 the dissemination of information at public expense concerning
12 candidates for public office.