

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 16, 1971.

The committee on Counties on the part of the House, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 362) of Irving Fishman, Theodore Mann, Paul Malloy and Paul Guzzi for legislation to transfer all county hospital facilities to the Department of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 370) of John J. Buckley, Ronald C. MacKenzie, Robert L. Cawley, John R. Buckley and Nils L. Nordberg for legislation to convert county jails and houses of correction into correctional institutions of the Commonwealth by transferring their property and employees to the Commonwealth and to direct the Department of Correction to integrate their facilities into a unitary system of criminal corrections aimed at reducing recidivism; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 397) of John L. Saltonstall, Jr., and Mario Umana for legislation to transfer the Suffolk County house of correction on Deer Island to the Department of Correction of the Commonwealth for a period of four years; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1299) of Ann C. Gannett for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of maintaining the existing county hospitals under county government or to transfer their management to the Department of Public Health or the Department of Mental Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1468) of David C. Ahearn and Robert S. Creedon, Jr., for legislation to establish a uniform planning and zoning act; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1702) of Christopher A. Iannella that counties be reimbursed by the Commonwealth for expenses incurred in maintaining and operating houses of correction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2784) of Kevin H. White and Michael J. Daly that counties be reimbursed annually for the cost of administering justice and maintaining and operating jails and houses of correction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2989) of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and John R. Buckley that all county hospitals be transferred to the Commonwealth and placed under the jurisdiction

of the Department of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3560) of Paul W. Cronin and David M. Bartley for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the modernization of county government; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3750) of Lincoln P. Cole, Jr., for legislation to transfer county jails, houses of correction and industrial farms and their employees to the Commonwealth; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4759) of Lincoln P. Cole, Jr., that county hospitals and sanatoriums and their employees be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 6236) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE MODERNIZATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

1 *Resolved*, That the special commission, established by chapter
2 fifty-seven of the resolves of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine and
3 most recently revived and continued by chapter one of the
4 resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-one, shall, in the course
5 of its investigation and study, consider the subject matter of
6 current senate documents numbered 362, transferring all county
7 hospital facilities to the department of public health; 370, to
8 convert county jails and houses of correction into correctional
9 institutions of the commonwealth by transferring their property
10 and employees to the commonwealth and directing the depart-
11 ment of correction to integrate their facilities into a unitary
12 system of criminal corrections aimed at reducing recidivism; 397,
13 transferring the Suffolk county house of correction on Deer
14 Island to the department of correction of the commonwealth for
15 a period of four years; and of the investigation and study
16 proposed by current house document numbered 1299, relative to
17 the feasibility of maintaining the existing county hospitals under
18 county government, or to transfer their management to the
19 department of public health or the department of mental health;
20 of current house documents numbered 1468, establishing the
21 uniform planning and zoning act; 1702, requiring the common-
22 wealth to reimburse counties in full for expenses incurred in
23 maintaining and operating houses of correction; 2784, providing
24 for counties to be reimbursed by the commonwealth annually for
25 the cost of administering justice and maintaining and operating
26 jails and houses of correction; 2989, providing that the common-
27 wealth take over the operation of the county hospitals; of the
28 investigation and study proposed by current house document
29 numbered 3560, relative to the modernization of county
30 government; and of current house documents numbered 3750,
31 transferring county jails, houses of correction and industrial
32 farms and their employees to the commonwealth; and 4759,
33 transferring county hospitals and sanatoriums and their employ-
34 ees to the commonwealth.

