

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Richard T. Moore, Mary Jeanette Murray and Angelo Marotta for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the infrastructure of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

1 *Resolved*, There is hereby established a special commission to
2 consist of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the
3 President of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed as co-
4 chairperson of the commission, seven members of the House of
5 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed as co-chairperson
7 of the commission, the secretary of administration and finance or
8 his designee, the secretary of transportation or his designee, the
9 secretary of environmental affairs or his designee, the secretary of
10 communities and development or his designee, the Treasurer and
11 Receiver-General of the Commonwealth or his designee, the
12 Inspector General or his designee, and five persons to be appointed
13 by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of the
14 building and construction trades of organized labor, one of whom
15 shall be skilled in construction management of major public works
16 projects, one of whom shall be skilled in financing public works
17 projects, one of whom shall be a representative of an engineering
18 school within the Commonwealth, and one of whom shall be
19 employed as a public works manager of a city or town within the
20 Commonwealth.

21 Said commission shall prepare and issue a statewide inventory of
22 infrastructure owned by the Commonwealth and its political sub-
23 divisions. Said inventory shall describe and evaluate the condition

24 of the infrastructure of the Commonwealth and its subdivisions,
25 and shall develop a system to prioritize the construction, recon-
26 struction, demolition, replacement, repair and maintenance of
27 items composing said inventory.

28 The commission shall investigate alternative methods of financ-
29 ing infrastructure construction and repair including, but not
30 limited to, revenue bonds, bond banks, privatization, sale-lease
31 back, user-fees, increased utilization of the tax on motor fuels, and
32 tax-increment financing.

33 Said commission shall review the existing agencies of the Com-
34 monwealth and its political subdivisions charged with construction
35 and maintenance, and financing of such construction and mainte-
36 nance infrastructure to determine whether the current organiza-
37 tional structure is appropriate to meet the infrastructure needs as
38 identified by the infrastructure inventory through the year two
39 thousand. In this regard, it may be necessary for the commission to
40 establish a long range plan for the infrastructure construction
41 repair and finance.

42 Said commission shall hold public hearings within the Com-
43 monwealth, and may travel within or without the Commonwealth,
44 hire such professional assistance as it deems necessary to accomp-
45 lish its purposes and to call upon such federal and state officials for
46 any information the commission deems relevant to its purposes;
47 may accept any gifts or grants of money or property, whether real
48 or personal, from any source, public or private, including but not
49 limited to the United States or its agencies.

50 Said commission shall report to the General Court the results of
51 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
52 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
53 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
54 House of Representatives on or before the first Wednesday in
55 November, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.

1 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General
2 Fund, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars to be used by the
3 commission, established by section one of this act, for the purpose
4 of carrying out the provisions of the act.