SENATE, May 19, 1986.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 704) of Francis X. Bellotti, Attorney General, and Martin T. Reilly for legislation to require the Department of Elder Affairs to refer cases of suspected elder abuse in long-term facilities to the Attorney General; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1868) of Marie E. Howe for legislation to require certain hospital and medical personnel to report suspected cases of elder abuse, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1937).

For the committee,

JACK H. BACKMAN.
AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS TO REFER SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

Section 31 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 544 of the acts of 1983, is hereby amended by inserting after the last paragraph the following: —

The ombudsman or his designee shall notify the attorney general and the department of public health forthwith, upon the receipt of an oral or written report or complaint that a resident of a long-term care facility has been abused, mistreated or neglected as defined in section seventy-two F of chapter one hundred eleven of the General Laws.