

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and another for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to existing laws and practices governing pornography. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY PORNOGRAPHY.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of three  
2 members of the Senate, six members of the House of  
3 Representatives, and twelve persons to be appointed by the  
4 governor one of whom shall be a member of the clergy, one of  
5 whom shall be recommended by the president of the Junior  
6 League of Boston, one of whom shall be a lawyer representing  
7 the video-movie industry, one of whom shall be a federal district  
8 court judge, one of whom shall be a law professor, one of whom  
9 shall be a distributor of video movies, one of whom shall be  
10 employed in the movie distribution industry, one of whom shall  
11 be the editor of a local newspaper, one of whom shall be a clinical  
12 psychologist, one of whom shall be recommended by the president  
13 of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to  
14 Children, one of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts  
15 Parents, Teachers, and Students Association, one of whom shall  
16 be a member of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, is  
17 hereby established for the purpose of making a comprehensive  
18 investigation and study of existing laws and practices relating to  
19 physical and sexual violence and its emotional and psychological  
20 impacts on individuals, minors in particular, as well as its  
21 economic impact on media and businesses involved in the field,  
22 and investigating the possible causal relationship between physical  
23 and sexual violence in mass media and social unrest and sexual  
24 aggressions; and further to propose necessary modification in laws  
25 and practices as may be appropriate, and to include its conclusions  
26 and recommendations in relation thereto, together with such

27 drafts of legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the same,  
28 in its report.

29 Said commission may file interim reports, but shall file its final  
30 report no later than January 1, 1988.

31 Said commission may involve in advisory roles such persons,  
32 organizations or public and private institutions as it may  
33 determine as appropriate.

34 The area of study of said commission shall be limited to the  
35 Commonwealth, said commission may call upon officials of the  
36 commonwealth or its various agencies and departments for such  
37 information as it may desire in the course of its investigation and  
38 study. Said commission may seek, accept and expend any grants  
39 or gifts of money, professional services, consultant services,  
40 clerical and other services and supplies from the federal  
41 government or any other private and public source in the course  
42 of its investigation and study.