

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 11, 1987.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 782) of Vincent J. Lozzi relative to fees paid to registers of deeds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2993) of Michael W. Morrissey that registers of deeds be authorized to retain a certain percentage of the monies received for the sale of certain stamps; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2995) of Michael W. Morrissey relative to the enumeration of fees with the registries of deeds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2996) of Michael W. Morrissey relative to the fees charged by registries of deeds for certain documents; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2999) of Steven D. Pierce relative to the value of a homestead estate; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3183) of M. Joseph Manning that provision be made for the register of deeds to retain a percentage of money received from the sale of certain stamps; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3184) of M. Joseph Manning relative to the fees of registers of deeds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3937) of Thomas F. Brownell and others relative to the storage of information by electronic and other methods by the register of deeds; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4574) of Thomas M. Finneran relative to establishing a non-legislative commission to study the current record keeping and indexing systems used by the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds; and the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 4961) of Theodore D. Mann, David B. Cohen, Susan D. Schur, Lois G. Pines and Anthony M. Mandile for the appointment of a joint special committee to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of the Commonwealth assuming full responsibility for the financing and operation of the registry of deeds, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5484) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS F. BROWNELL.

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

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1     *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be authorized  
2 to sit during the session and during the recess of the General Court  
3 for the purpose of making an investigation and study on current  
4 house documents 782, 2993, 2995, 2996, 2999, 3183, 3184, 3937,  
5 4574, 4961 relative to the Registry of Deeds.

6     Said Committee shall be provided with quarters in the State  
7 House or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within the  
8 Commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other services  
9 such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said Committee shall  
10 report to the General Court the results of its investigation and  
11 study and its recommendations, if any, together with the drafts  
12 of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect  
13 by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
14 on or before the last Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred  
15 and eighty-seven.