

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 13, 1988.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of Barbara E. Gray and Mary Jane Gibson relative to providing certain services for children who are involved as victims or witnesses in criminal proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2118) of Barbara E. Gray relative to alternative procedures for taking testimony of children or mentally retarded witnesses in certain judicial proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2720) of Joseph R. Connell, John F. MacGovern and Paul J. Sheehy for legislation to require royalties received by criminals as a result of the commission of a crime be paid to the State Treasurer for distribution to the victims of such crimes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2966) of John A. Kiernan and W. Paul White relative to the reporting of deaths of children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4255) of William G. Reinstein and other members of the General Court relative to the rights and services afforded to child victims and witnesses to certain crimes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4854) of Roberta Gibb-Welch relative to the reporting of child abuse, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4866) of W. Paul White that provision be made for the confidentiality of victims or witnesses of crimes in administrative or civil proceedings, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5024) of Lucile P. Hicks, Thomas P. Walsh and William R. Keating relative to establishing the rights of crime victims to attend court proceedings, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5854) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

SALVATORE F. DiMASI.

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

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Judiciary be authorized to sit
2 during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation
3 and study of House documents numbered 975, 2118, 2720, 2966,
4 4255, 4854, 4866 and 5024 relative to victims and child victims.
5 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results
6 of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
7 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the Clerk of
9 the House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday
10 in December, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.