

HOUSE No. 3433

By Ms. Gardner of Holliston, petition of Barbara Gardner and Joan M. Menard for legislation to further regulate alimony and assignments of property in divorce proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING ALIMONY AND ASSIGNMENTS OF PROPERTY IN DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

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

1 Section 34 of chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the third and fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — In determining the amount of alimony, if
5 any, to be paid, or in fixing the nature and value of the property,
6 if any, to be so assigned, the court, after hearing the witnesses,
7 if any, of each party, shall consider the length of the marriage,
8 the conduct of the parties during the marriage, the age, health,
9 station, occupation, amount and sources of income, vocational
10 skills, employability, estate, liabilities and needs of each of the
11 parties, the opportunity of each for future acquisition of capital
12 assets and income, the contribution of each of the parties in the
13 acquisition, preservation of appreciation in value of their respec-
14 tive estates, the contribution of each of the parties as a homemaker
15 to the family unit, and the tax consequences to each of the parties.

HOUSE

The House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the United States Congress. It is composed of members from each state and the District of Columbia. The members are elected by the people of each state for a two-year term.

The Structure of the House

The House is organized into several committees and subcommittees. These committees are responsible for conducting hearings, holding testimony, and conducting investigations. The House also has a Speaker, a Clerk, and a Sergeant at Arms. The Speaker is the presiding officer of the House and is elected by the members.

The House has the power to impeach and remove federal judges and other officials. It also has the power to originate and pass bills, including the budget. The House is also responsible for electing the President and Vice President.

The House is a large and diverse body of members. It represents the interests of all Americans. The House is also a place where many important decisions are made. The House is a vital part of the American government.

The House is a place where the people's voice is heard. It is a place where the people's interests are protected. The House is a place where the people's will is done. The House is a place where the people's power is exercised.