

By Mr. Moakley, a petition of John Joseph Moakley that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to certain practices by public utility companies selling gas within the Commonwealth. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PRACTICES BY PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES SELLING GAS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 three members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof, five members of the house of representatives to be
4 designated by the speaker thereof, and two persons to be ap-
5 pointed by the governor, is hereby established for the purpose
6 of making an investigation and study of public utility companies
7 selling gas within the commonwealth with special reference to
8 certain practices in the field of advertising and sale of appli-
9 ances which have a tendency to result in increased rates
10 charged to consumers of gas and unfair trade practices. Said
11 commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house
12 or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within or without
13 the commonwealth and may expend for legal, clerical and other
14 assistance the sum of dollars. Said commission
15 shall report to the general court the results of its investigation
16 and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with
17 drafts of legislation necessary to carry said recommendations
18 into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
19 representatives not later than the fourth Wednesday of Janu-
20 ary, nineteen hundred and sixty.

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