

By Mr. Dukakis of Brookline, petition of Michael S. Dukakis that the Department of Public Utilities be authorized to arbitrate disputes between companies selling and generating electricity where interconnection of lines is sought. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES BETWEEN COMPANIES SELLING OR GENERATING ELECTRICITY WHERE INTERCONNECTION OF LINES IS SOUGHT.

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

- 1 Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 94F the following section:—
- 3 *Section 94G.* If any company, association, municipal light
- 4 plant, or any other organization, authorized to conduct the
- 5 business of a public utility in the commonwealth, determines
- 6 that it is necessary for its purposes to secure interconnection
- 7 with the transmission lines of an existing, or projected company,
- 8 association, municipal light plant, engaged in the business of
- 9 generating and transmitting electricity in the commonwealth,
- 10 and if the said company, association, organization, or municipal
- 11 light plant is unable to enter into an agreement with the said
- 12 company engaged in the business of generation and transmission
- 13 of electricity, the department of public utilities shall, upon
- 14 petition of the former, determine the terms and conditions
- 15 under which such interconnection may be made and shall enter
- 16 appropriate orders directing the companies to enter into proper
- 17 agreements therefor.

By Mr. BISHOP, in reply to a question put to him by Mr. BISHOP, in relation to the proposed amendments to the bill, he said that the bill was now in the hands of the committee on the subject, and he would endeavor to report thereon as early as possible.

## The Commission on the Administration of the Government

In the Year 1887, the Commission on the Administration of the Government was organized.

A bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. BISHOP, on the 15th of February, 1887, for the purpose of organizing a commission to inquire into the administration of the Government, and to report thereon to the Senate at the end of one year.

The bill was passed by the Senate on the 22d of February, 1887, and by the House on the 27th of the same month.

Chapter 154 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 518 the following section:

§ 518. If any company, association, partnership, firm, or any other organization, authorized to conduct the business of a public utility in the Commonwealth, determines that it is necessary for the purpose of some improvement with the transmission lines of an existing or proposed company, association, partnership, firm, or any other organization, to construct and transmit electricity in the Commonwealth, and if the said company, association, partnership, firm, or any other organization, or municipal corporation, is unable to enter into an agreement with the said company, association, partnership, firm, or any other organization, engaged in the business of generating and transmitting electricity in the Commonwealth, the Department of Public Utilities shall, upon application of the former, determine the terms and conditions under which such interconnection may be made and shall order appropriate orders directing the companies to enter into proper agreements therefor.