

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Joseph B. Walsh for a legislative amendment to the Constitution authorizing the use of motor vehicle excise receipts for providing mass transportation. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX RECEIPTS FOR PROVIDING AND/OR ASSISTING MASS TRANSPORTATION.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and
2 House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares
3 it to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption
4 of the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it
5 may become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed
6 to in a joint session of the next General Court and approved
7 by the people at the state election next following]:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 ART. . Article LXXVIII of the amendments to the
10 constitution of the commonwealth is hereby annulled and
11 the following is adopted in place thereof:—

12 *Art.* . No revenue from fees, duties, excises or license
13 taxes relating to registration, operation or use of vehicles on
14 public highways, or to fuels used for propelling such vehicles,
15 shall be expended for other than cost of administration of
16 laws providing for such revenue, making of refunds and
17 adjustments in relation thereto, payment of highway obliga-
18 tions, or cost of construction, reconstruction, maintenance
19 and repair of public highways and bridges, the enforcement
20 of state traffic laws and providing assistance to public trans-
21 portation; and such revenue shall be expended by the com-
22 monwealth or its counties, cities and towns for said highway
23 and public transportation only and in such manner as the
24 general court may direct; provided, that this amendment
25 shall not apply to revenue from any excise tax imposed in
26 lieu of local property taxes for the privilege of registering
27 such vehicles.

