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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 21, 1969.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the Bill increasing the amount which domestic insurance companies may invest in mortgage loans in Canada (Senate, No. 138); the Bill authorizing the purchase of liability insurance on behalf of the pilots of certain aircraft owned by the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 271); the Bill making permanent certain temporary positions in the government of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 358, changed); the Bill providing full time college educations for certain police officers on a cooperative plan (Senate, No. 507, amended); the Bill permitting cities and towns to authorize the installation and operation of community antenna television systems and for the regulation thereof (printed as Senate, No. 583, changed); the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by tions within the Department of Public Safety (Senate, No. 782, changed); the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to providing for uniform annual observance of certain legal holidays on Mondays, and for other purposes (Senate, No. 1210, amended); the Bill authorizing the Department of Agriculture to develop a program for the promotion of agriculture and agricultural products (Senate, No. 1509); the Bill changing the Southern District for the administration of criminal laws and making Bristol county and Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes counties separate districts (House, No. 334); the Bill authorizing and directing the Metropolitan District Commission and/or the Department of Natural Resources to acquire certain lands adjacent to the Neponset River for conservation and recreation purposes (House, No. 959); the Bill placing the position of secretary of the Board of Registration in Pharmacy under the Civil Service Law (House, No. 1774, changed); the Bill requiring competitive bidding in the letting of certain contracts by gas, electric and telephone and telegraph companies (House, No. 2995,

changed); the Bill authorizing the Department of Community Affairs to require cities and towns to conduct code enforcement programs (printed in House, No. 4995, App. D); the Bill providing for dismissal and/or loss of scholarship grants of students participating in certain demonstrations resulting in property damage or personal injury (House, No. 5128); the Bill establishing a division of milk marketing in the Department of Agriculture (House, No. 5230); the Bill relative to probate court appraisers (House, No. 5433); the Order relative to appointment of a joint special committee to study the effects of the current wave of unrest and violence at institutions of learning within the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1497); the Order relative to reviving and continuing until October 15, 1969, the investigation and study by the joint special committee on air pollution of the atmosphere and environment (House, No. 5538); the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 602) of Robert L. Cawley for legislation to revise the laws of the Commonwealth relative to the admission, treatment and release of patients in institutions under the Department of Mental Health and related matters; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 633) of Ronald C. MacKenzie for legislation to permit the suspension of sentence in certain cases for violation of narcotic drug laws; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 660) of William J. Curran, Joseph D. Ward and another for legislation to revise the laws of the Commonwealth concerning criminal procedure, and treatment and observation of mentally ill offenders and alleged offenders in institutions under the Department of Mental Health and in Bridgewater State Hospital and related matters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 345) of George L. Sacco, Jr., for legislation to ascertain and carry out the will of the people relative to the calling and holding of a constitutional convention; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 523) of Walter T. Kostanski that provision be made for a legal defense to certain charges involving alcoholism and providing a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 691) of Francis J. Bevilacqua for legislation to increase the penalty for possession of syringes, needles and certain other instruments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 831) of Jack H. Backman for legislation to ratify the interstate compact on mentally disordered offenders and providing for the administration thereof; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1408) of John F. Dolan for

legislation to revise the laws relative to the admission, treatment and release of patients in institutions under the Department of Mental Health and related matters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1502) of Paul J. Cavanaugh for legislation to provide that a person shall not be eligible for welfare assistance unless he furnishes a certificate from the Division of Employment Security stating that he has unsuccessfully sought employment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1931) of George L. Sacco, Jr., relative to the admission, treatment and release of patients in institutions under the control of the Department of Mental Health; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3932) of Edward J. Dever, Jr., for legislation relative to the appointment of legal guardians for persons in mental institutions, report the accompanying order (House, No. 5693).

For the committee,

ARTHUR L. DESROCHER.

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1 *Ordered*, That the house committee on Ways and Means  
2 shall in the course of its investigation and study of the  
3 finances of the commonwealth consider the subject matter of  
4 current Senate documents numbered 138, 271, 358 changed,  
5 507 amended, 583 changed, 602, 633, 660, 782 changed, 1210  
6 amended, 1497, 1509, and of House documents numbered 334,  
7 345, 523, 691, 831, 959, 1408, 1502, 1774 changed, 1931, 2995  
8 changed, 3932, 4995 App. D, 5128, 5230, 5433, 5538.