

By Messrs. Mofenson of Newton and Businger of Brookline, petition of Frederic King and John A. Businger for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Mansfield Amendment to end the war in Southeast Asia. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE MANSFIELD AMENDMENT TO END THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

1 *Whereas*, The federal military budget is costing the
2 5,689,170 residents of Massachusetts \$2.8 billion a year or
3 eight tenths billion dollars more than the residents of Massa-
4 chusetts pay for their entire state government costs; and

5 *Whereas*, More than \$100 billion has already been spent on
6 the Vietnam War alone at a time when Massachusetts desper-
7 ately needs federal money for rapid transit, medical care,
8 housing, quality education, pollution control and many other
9 pressing needs; and

10 *Whereas*, Many young men of Massachusetts are being
11 drafted against their will to fight and die in a war they neither
12 support nor understand, and

13 *Whereas*, The United States Senate, by a vote of 57 to 38,
14 approved the Mansfield Amendment to end all United States
15 involvement in Southeast Asia within six months assuming
16 satisfactory arrangements have been made for the mutual re-
17 lease of prisoners of war; therefore be it

18 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts Legislature records itself as
19 being in favor of the Mansfield Amendment to end the War in
20 Southeast Asia and calls upon the Massachusetts Congressional
21 Delegation to the United States House of Representatives to
22 support this action by the United States Senate; and be it
23 further

24 *Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent forthwith by
 25 the Secretary of the Commonwealth to both United States
 26 Senators and all Congressmen from Massachusetts and to the
 27 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
 28 the United States House of Representatives and the President
 29 of the United States, of America.