

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5537

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 19, 1972.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2590) of Maurice E. Ronayne, Jr., and John J. Mooney relative to the appointment of a chief medical examiner and a deputy medical examiner in counties; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4396) of Thomas E. Creighton that registered physicians in Worcester County be authorized to order the removal of dead bodies from the place of death before waiting for the medical examiner, report recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5537) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

**MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY**

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Social Welfare be authorized  
2 to sit during recess of the general court for the purpose of  
3 making an investigation and study of the subject matter of  
4 current house documents numbered 2590, relative to establishing  
5 the positions of chief medical examiner and deputy medical  
6 examiner and 4396, relative to the removal of dead bodies in  
7 Worcester County upon the order of a registered physician.

8 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state  
9 house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within the  
10 Commonwealth and may expend for clerical and other services  
11 and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said  
12 committee shall report to the general court the results of its  
13 investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together  
14 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-  
15 mendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the  
16 House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in  
17 December, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.