

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 22, 1991.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 867) of Lucile P. Hicks that provision be made for an investigation and study by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Public Health relative to emissions of benzene from retail service gas stations, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 879) of Brian P. Lees and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, by Richard E. Mastrangelo, senior vice president and general counsel, for legislation to improve air quality in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 581) of William Constantino, Jr., relative to the open burning of leaves and shrubs at certain times of year with the prior approval of local fire departments, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 585) of Patricia A. Walrath, Carol C. Cleven, Mary Jeanette Murray, Joseph B. McIntyre, Lois G. Pines and Christopher J. Hodgkins relative to establishing an interagency coordinating council to address issues of interagency responsibility for public health and consumer protection concerning indoor air pollution and other threats, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 586) of Patricia A. Walrath, Carol C. Cleven, Joseph B. McIntyre, Lois G. Pines, Christopher J. Hodgkins and William G. Reinstein for legislation to include within the State Building Code continuous ventilation capability in all new one and two family dwellings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2099) of David B. Cohen and other members of the General Court relative to the testing of homes for the presence of radon gas and other health hazards, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4739) of Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to provide for notice of projects affected by the clean air law between abutting states and the Commonwealth, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5996) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

STEVEN ANGELO.

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

1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Natural Resources and Agri-
2 culture be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court
3 for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the
4 current Senate documents numbered 867 and 879 and current
5 House documents numbered 581, 585, 586, 2099 and 4739, each
6 relative to air contamination in the Commonwealth.

7 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State
8 House or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require by summons
9 the attendance and testimony of witnesses, may travel within and
10 without the Commonwealth, and may expend for expert, legal,
11 clerical and other services and for the expenses such sums as may
12 be appropriated therefor.

13 Said committee shall report to the General Court from time to
14 time the results of its investigations and study and its
15 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
16 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the
17 same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before
18 the first Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and ninety-
19 one.