

By Mr. Gallagher of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Gallagher, John A. Businger and Paul Kollios for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to authorizing the General Court to impose and levy a graduated income tax on personal income. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL COURT TO IMPOSE AND LEVY A GRADUATED INCOME TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME.

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

8 **ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.**

9 Full power and authority are hereby given and granted to the
10 general court, in the alternative to the exercise of the power and
11 authority to impose and levy a tax on incomes in the manner
12 provided in Article LXIV of the Amendments to the Constitution
13 of the Commonwealth, to impose and levy a tax on incomes at
14 rates which are proportioned or graduated according to the total
15 amount of income received, irrespective of the source from which it
16 may be derived, and to grant reasonable exemptions, deductions
17 and abatements. Any property the income from which is taxed
18 under the provisions of this article may be exempted from the
19 imposition and levying of proportional and reasonable assess-
20 ments, rates and taxes as at present authorized by the constitution.
21 This article shall not be construed to limit the power of the general
22 court to impose and levy reasonable duties and excises.

1. The Commission on the Status of Women was established in 1946 to study the position of women in the United States and to make recommendations for their improvement.

2. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from women's organizations and individuals.

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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