

HOUSE . . . No. 208

By Mr. McCarthy of Medfield, petition of Frank D. McCarthy for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the conduct of the Medfield State Hospital. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE MEDFIELD STATE HOSPITAL.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of three members of the senate to be desig-
3 nated by the president thereof, five members of the
4 house of representatives to be designated by the
5 speaker thereof, and three persons to be appointed
6 by the governor, is hereby established to made an
7 immediate and thorough investigation of the conduct
8 of the Medfield state hospital to determine whether
9 said institution is being operated properly and in
10 accordance with the laws relating thereto, and with
11 a view to making such changes in the law as may
12 seem advisable for improving conditions at said
13 institution. The commission shall be provided with
14 quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold
15 public hearings, and shall have the power to summon
16 witnesses and to require the production of books,
17 records, contracts and papers of said institution and

18 the giving of testimony under oath. Said commission
19 may expend for clerical and other services and ex-
20 penses such sums as may hereafter be appropriated
21 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general
22 court the results of its investigation and study, and
23 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
24 legislation necessary to carry its recommendations
25 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
26 senate on or before the first Wednesday of December
27 in the current year.