

HOUSE No. 2229

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 13, 1951.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 262) of Henry C. Rowland that provision be made for the licensing and regulation of off-track betting offices for the making or receiving of wagers on the speed or ability of horses or dogs, and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1098) of Joseph F. Leahy for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the licensing of places of business for buying and selling pools and registering bets on horse and dog races and relative to the disposition of the revenue therefrom, report the accompanying order (House, No. 2229).

For the committee,

GEORGE GREENE.

Representatives SHEA of Worcester and CONSTANTINO of Clinton dissenting.

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Ordered, That the committee on Legal Affairs is hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of investigating and studying the matter of licensing places of business for the buying and selling of pools and the registering of bets on horse and dog races and the raising of revenue therefrom for the purpose of reducing taxation on real estate and otherwise. Said committee shall be provided with adequate quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, and shall have the power to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, records and papers and the giving of testimony under oath. The committee may call upon the department of corporations and taxation for such information as it may desire in the course of its investigation and study. In making its investigation and study hereunder, the committee may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor. The committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.