

HOUSE No. 2725

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 7, 1951.

The committee on Transportation, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending an appropriation for the Department of Public Utilities for use in interpreting, applying and administering the "service at cost statute" in respect to its supervision of public transit systems and recommending the appointment of a recess commission to study laws relative to local transit companies with a view to furnishing the public with adequate transportation service at reasonable cost (House, No. 2686), report (in part) the accompanying order (House, No. 2725).

For the committee,

HARVEY A. POTHIER.

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Ordered, That the committee on Transportation is hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of so much of the Governor's Message (House, No. 2686), relative to a study of all statute laws applicable to local transit companies with a view to making such changes therein as may be necessary to make certain that these laws serve the public interest under present conditions, and relative to the present conditions of the transit industry with a view to recommending legislation designed to insure the people of the commonwealth adequate transportation service at reasonable cost. Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require by summons the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books and papers, may travel within and without the commonwealth, and may expend for legal, clerical and other assistance and for expenses such sums as may hereafter be appropriated therefor. Said 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 not later than the first Wednesday of December in the current year.