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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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By Mr. Hatch of Beverly, petition relative to granting greater subpoena power to the Consumers' Council in connection with investigations concerning the prices of certain necessities of life. The Judiciary.

Petition signed by:

Donald R. Dwight	Andrew H. Card, Jr.
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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT GIVING THE CONSUMERS COUNCIL SUBPOENA POWER IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNING THE PRICES OF CERTAIN NECESSITIES OF LIFE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 115 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as added by  
2 Section 2 of chapter 773 of the acts of 1963, is hereby amended  
3 by adding the following paragraph:—The council may, by a  
4 majority vote and the issuance of a subpoena, require the  
5 attendance and testimony under oath of witnesses and the  
6 production of any other evidence in connection with any  
7 investigation by the council relative to the wholesale or retail  
8 prices of food for human consumption, gasoline, fuel oil,  
9 electricity, or telephone service. The superior court for the  
10 county of Suffolk may enforce any such subpoena.