

HOUSE No. 5989

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 8, 1975.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3603) of Louis R. Nickinello and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing safety standards for mobile homes, report recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5989) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

RICHARD H. DEMERS.

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Ordered. That a special commission, to consist of six members of the house of representatives, three of whom shall be from the House Committee on Commerce and Labor and three of whom shall be from the House Committee on Transportation, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the present locations of gas, propane and auxiliary tanks, to see if it would be feasible to have them moved to another location within a mobile or motor home; the feasibility of having the windows opening outwards as an alternate escape route; the feasibility of having an additional side door installed; the feasibility of enlarging the present escape hatches from two feet square to three feet square, and the addition of distinguishing markings on them; the feasibility of safety locks on all storage areas within the vehicle, or on any item that would come loose if the vehicle were not in an upright position; feasibility of having a more stable center of gravity while the vehicle is in motion, feasibility of providing penalties for non-compliance with safety standards; and the feasibility of having posted all possible escape routes.