

HOUSE No. 6032

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 13, 1975.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 611) of Dennis J. Duffin and others relative to increasing the penalty for owning, possessing or training fighting birds or animals or for establishing or promoting an exhibition of the fighting of birds or animals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Bruce N. Freeman relative to the state assumption of the costs and expenses of building and operating the courts within Middlesex County; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2727) of Melvin H. King, Robert L. Fortes, Mary H. Goode, Doris Bunte, Barney Frank and Elaine Noble that cities and towns be authorized to request the housing courts in the Commonwealth for receivership of certain abandoned properties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2729) of James Segel and others for legislation to require certain disclosures in notices to vacate certain residences; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2935) of Julie McDonald relative to limiting the liability of automobile parking lots or storage garages as to personal articles and not the equipment of the automobile; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3901) of the Massachusetts Bar Association relative to creating a judicial compensation commission; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4659); and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4659) of W. Paul White relative to the judges of the Housing Court of the City of Boston, report recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6032) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY.

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Ordered. That the committee on the Judiciary be authorized to sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house documents numbered 611, increasing the penalty for owning, possessing or training fighting birds or animals or for establishing or promoting an exhibition of the fighting of birds or animals; 612, providing for the assumption by the commonwealth of the costs and expenses of building and operating the courts within Middlesex county; 2727, allowing cities and towns to request of the housing courts receivership of abandoned property thirty days after notification of complaint on that property to the city or town irrespective of whether the property is in tax default and to allow the housing courts to decide the disposition of that receivership; 2729, requiring certain disclosures in notices to quit; 2935, limiting the liability of automobile parking lots or storage garages as to personal articles, not the equipment of an automobile; 3901, creating a judicial compensation commission; and 4659, relative to the judges of the housing court of the city of Boston.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings and may expend for clerical and other services and for expenses such sums as may 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 said recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-six