

HOUSE No. 6296

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 9, 1975.

The committee on Rules, to whom was referred the Order (filed by Messrs. King of Boston and Frank of Boston) relative to requesting the opinion of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth on the legal authority of officials in the Executive Branch of government, including the Governor thereof, to refuse to spend funds duly appropriated for any budget account (House, No. 6296), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DAVID M. BARTLEY.

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Ordered, That the Attorney General of the Commonwealth be forthwith requested by the House of Representatives to render an opinion to be delivered to the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Representatives at the earliest possible date, on the following question: —

Does any official in the Executive Branch of the Government of the Commonwealth, including the Governor thereof, have the legal authority to refuse to spend funds duly appropriated for any budget account for any reason other than that the statutory purposes for which the budget account was enacted will be fully achieved without expenditures of all funds so appropriated.