

SENATE No. 181.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 29, 1889.

The Joint Special Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred the Order relative to providing for a limit to the sessions of the General Court; and the Order relative to an amendment to the Constitution fixing the salaries of the members of the General Court, report the accompanying Resolve.

For the Committee,

W. A. CLARK, JR.

SENATE, April 2, 1889.

The Committee on the Treasury, to whom was committed the Senate Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution limiting the length of the annual sessions of the General Court and establishing the compensation of the members thereof, report that the relation of the Resolve to the finances of the Commonwealth is not such as to require the consideration of the committee, and they ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

For the Committee,

JAMES D. PIKE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine.

RESOLVE

Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution limiting the length of the Annual Sessions of the General Court and establishing the Compensation of the Members thereof.

1 *Resolved*, by both Houses, That it is expedient to
2 amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth by the
3 adoption of the subjoined article of amendment, and that
4 the said article, being agreed to by a majority of the
5 Senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of
6 Representatives present and voting thereon, be entered
7 on the journals of both Houses, with the yeas and nays
8 taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to
9 be chosen; and that said article be published, to the
10 end that if agreed to by the General Court next to be
11 chosen, in the manner provided by the Constitution of
12 the Commonwealth, it may be submitted to the people for
13 their approval and ratification, in order that it may
14 become a part of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

1 The annual session of the General Court shall termi-
2 nate on the first Wednesday of May in each year unless
3 sooner prorogued. Each member of the Senate and
4 House of Representatives shall receive seven hundred and
5 fifty dollars for the regular annual session for which he is
6 elected, and one dollar for every five miles travel from his
7 place of abode, once in each session, to the place of the
8 sitting of the General Court; and the president of the
9 Senate and the speaker of the House shall receive double
10 the compensation provided for members, except for
11 travel.

