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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 10, 1890.

The committee on Rules on the part of the House, who were instructed to prepare rules for the government of the House, report, recommending that the rules of the House for 1889, as already amended, be adopted as the rules of this House, with the following additional amendments:—

Strike out rules 30 and 47, and insert in place of the former two new rules, as follows:—

**RULE 30.** No legislation affecting the rights of individuals or the rights of a private or municipal corporation otherwise than as it affects generally the people of the whole Commonwealth or the people of the city or town to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced except by a petition, nor shall any bill or resolve embodying such legislation be reported by a committee, except upon a petition duly referred, nor shall such a bill or resolve be reported by a committee, whether on an original reference or on a recommittal with instructions to hear the parties, until it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that proper notice of the proposed legislation has been given by public advertisement or otherwise to all parties interested, without expense to the Commonwealth, or until evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that all parties interested have in writing waived notice. A

committee reporting leave to withdraw or reference to the next General Court for want of proper notice or of a waiver thereof shall set forth this fact in its report, and no bill or resolve shall be in order as a substitute for, or amendment of, such report. Objection to the violation of this rule may be taken at any stage prior to that of the third reading.

RULE 31. A petition for the incorporation of a town or city, or for the division of an existing town or city, or for the incorporation of a railroad, street railway, elevated railroad or canal company, or for the amendment, alteration or extension of the charter or corporate powers or privileges of any such company, either specially incorporated or organized under general laws, or for authority to take water for a water supply, or relative to building structures over navigable or tide waters, shall be referred to the next General Court, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has given the notice required by chapter 24 of the Acts of the year 1885, or by other provisions of law; but if, no objection being raised, such a petition is referred to a committee, without such required notice, the committee shall forthwith report reference to the next General Court, setting forth as the reason for such report, failure to give the required notice, unless evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that all parties interested have in writing waived notice. In case a bill or resolve is reported by a committee, upon such a petition, after proof of such waiver of notice, this fact shall be set forth in the report of the committee. When a report of reference to the next General Court is made by a committee on account of failure to give the required notice, no bill or resolve shall be substituted for such report, nor shall such report be recommitted or referred to another committee; but reference of the petition to the next General Court for want of proper notice under this rule shall not affect action upon any other measure involving the same subject matter: *provided*, that this rule shall not apply to petitions, recommendations or applications for legislation presented to either branch on or before the sixth day of February, 1890, nor to any reports of committees upon such petitions so presented.

At end of Rule 42 add the following :—

“ New provisions shall not be added to such bills by the committee on Finance unless directly connected with the financial features thereof.”

In Rule 48, after the word “ rejected,” in the second line, insert the words “ by the House.”

At end of Rule 85 add the following :—

“ When the member entitled to speak under this rule is absent, the member standing first in order upon the committee reporting the measure, who is present and joined in the report, shall have the right to occupy such time.”

For the Committee,

JOSIAH QUINCY.

