

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1981.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1448) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to increase assessments for intervention in rate-setting proceedings in utilities and insurance rate matters, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2107) of Alan D. Sisitsky for legislation to provide for personnel to assist in the determination of adequate, reasonable, just, and non-discriminatory utility rates, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3631) of Thomas C. Norton relative to the penalties for the violation of regulations governing the storage, transportation and distribution of gas, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3727) of William F. Galvin that the Department of Public Utilities be prohibited from approving rate increases for local telephone calls from coin operated telephones, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3905) of Walter E. Bickford, Sharon M. Pollard and Saundra Graham that the Department of Public Utilities be directed to prohibit utility groups from assessing certain expenses associated with the construction of nuclear power plants to customers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6354) of Denis Lawrence and Roger L. Tougas relative to the costs of energy audits between customers and utility companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6355) of Timothy M. Rourke that gas and electric companies be required to monitor and report the amount of fuel immediately available to such companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6399) of Richard T. Moore and another relative to the interest upon deposits of customers with certain public utility companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6527) of Frank J. Matrango and others for legislation to repeal the cost of fuel adjustment charge and establishing a semi-annual process for rate increases for gas and electric companies and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6528) of Andrew S. Natsios and other members of the House for

legislation to further regulate the Massachusetts residential conservation service, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6837) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

ROBERT B. AMBLER.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

Ordered, That the committee on Government Regulations 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 the current Senate documents numbered: 1448, legislation to increase assessments for intervention in rate-setting proceedings in utilities and insurance rate matters; and 2107, legislation to provide for personnel to assist in the determination of adequate, reasonable, just and non-discriminatory utility rates; and of current House documents numbered: 3631, legislation relative to the penalties for the violation of regulations governing the storage, transportation and distribution of gas; 3727, legislation that the Department of Public Utilities be prohibited from approving rate increases for local telephone calls from coin-operated telephones; 3905, legislation that the Department of Public Utilities be directed to prohibit utility groups from assessing certain expenses associated with the construction of nuclear power plants to customers; 6354, legislation relative to the costs of energy audits between customers; 6355, legislation that gas and electric companies be required to monitor and report to amount of fuel immediately available to such companies; 6399, legislation relative to the interest upon deposits of customers with certain public utility companies; 6527, legislation to repeal the cost of fuel adjustment charge and establishing a semi-annual process for rate increases for gas and electric companies; and 6528, legislation to further regulate the Massachusetts residential conservation service.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State House or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within the Commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other services and 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 such legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the House on or before the first Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

The first part of the report is devoted to a general description of the country and its resources. It is found that the country is well adapted for the culture of the sugar cane, and that the soil is fertile and productive.

The second part of the report is devoted to a description of the sugar industry. It is found that the sugar industry is well established in the country, and that the sugar cane is cultivated in large quantities. The report also describes the process of sugar making, and the various uses of sugar.

The third part of the report is devoted to a description of the sugar trade. It is found that the sugar trade is well established in the country, and that the sugar is exported in large quantities. The report also describes the various uses of sugar, and the various products made from sugar.