

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 12, 1977.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, David J. Swartz, Royal L. Bolling, Jr., and Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., that employees of apprentice training plans, training funds, vacation plans, annuity plans, holiday plans or programs, and prepaid legal service plans be made subject to the law relative to prevailing wages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4218) of the Mass. Building and Construction Trades Council and James J. Craven, Jr., for legislation to provide prevailing wages for employees of contractors engaged in construction for certain utility companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4392) of the Mass. Building and Construction Trades Council and James J. Craven, Jr., for legislation to provide for fair competition by requiring payment of wage rates for public works contracts as established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industries; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4718) of the Mass. Building and Construction Trades Council and James J. Craven, Jr., relative to defining the term "prevailing wage rate" as used in the laws relative to labor and industries, report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 6033) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RICHARD H. DEMERS.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1     *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three  
2 members of the Senate, five members of the House, and seven  
3 persons, including representatives from organized labor in the  
4 building trades and industry, to be appointed by the governor; is  
5 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and  
6 study of the prevailing wage laws of the commonwealth.

7     In the course of its investigation and study, the commission shall  
8 consider the subject matter of current house documents numbered  
9 802, relative to prevailing wages; 4218, providing for prevailing  
10 wages for employees of contractors engaged in construction for  
11 certain utility companies; 4392, requiring payment of wage rates  
12 established by the commissioner for public contracts; and 4718,  
13 defining the term "prevailing wage rate".

14     Said commission shall report to the general court the results of  
15 its study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of  
16 legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,  
17 and shall file its final report with the clerk of the house on or before  
18 the first Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and seventy-  
19 eight.