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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 25, 1887.

The Committee on Street Railways report that they have before them the following orders and petitions, viz. :—

1st. Order relative to amending the laws relative to the extension of street railway tracks.

2d. Petition of Cambridge Street Railway Company, for authority to extend its tracks into the town of Arlington.

3d. Petition of Boston Consolidated Street Railway Company for authority to construct and maintain railways in Brookline, Somerville and other towns.

4th. Two orders relative to a general Elevated railroad law.

5th. Petition of E. C. Sherburne et al. for incorporation as the City Elevated Railroad Company.

6th. Order relative to disposal of franchises of street railways at public auction.

That they have given various hearings on these orders and petitions, but that owing to the large amount of business referred to this committee under various suspensions of the 12th Joint Rule, they have been unable to give them the care and attention which their importance demands.

They also report that owing to the growing importance of the problems of street railway transportation in this State, various questions have arisen requiring more careful consideration than can be given during a session of the Legislature.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying order for a special committee to which the above matters and other questions can be referred.

For the Committee,

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HENRY PARKMAN.

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*Ordered*, That the Joint Committee on Street Railways be constituted a special committee to sit during the recess of the Legislature, and consider the expediency either of general laws for the incorporation of elevated railroad companies, or of special laws for such purpose; also the expediency of general laws relative to the extension of street railways into cities and towns other than those in which they are authorized to run by their charters; also the expediency of the use of electricity or other motive power; also the expediency of the appointment of a street railway commission and the defining of their powers and duties; also the expediency of providing for the payment of compensation by street railway companies to the cities and towns in which they run, and such other general legislation in regard to street railways as they may deem best to consider.

Said committee shall hold its sessions in the city of Boston; is authorized to employ a stenographer, if deemed necessary; shall hear such evidence as may be submitted after public notice, and shall report in print to the Legislature of 1888 on or before February 1st. It shall be provided with a room in the State House and all necessary stationery and postage by the sergeant-at-arms. The members of said committee shall be allowed mileage to and from their places of residence to the city of Boston on the days of meeting of the committee at the rate paid to witnesses in the Supreme Judicial Court, and shall be paid such compensation as may be determined by the Governor and Council.

