

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 18, 1997.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to promoting parental responsibility and removing unwarranted obstacles to adoption (House, No. 4198), so much of the recommendations of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (House, No. 65) as relates to protecting the rights of persons subject to guardianship proceedings (accompanied by bill, House, No. 68), so much of the recommendations of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 154) as relates to the appointment of a temporary guardian by a guardian (accompanied by bill, House, No. 161), so much of the recommendations of the Department of Mental Retardation (House, No. 154) as relates to the appointment of a standby guardian (accompanied by bill, House, No. 162), so much of the recommendations of the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 173) as relates to guardians of mentally ill persons (accompanied by bill, House, No. 226), the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 719) of Frank M. Hynes relative to the estates of certain deceased children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 940) of Paul C. Demakis relative to the appointment and removal of first assistant registrars in the Probate and Family Court Department of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1737) of Richard P. Iannella and Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to reduce the fee for filing wills for safekeeping, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1748) of A. Stephen Tobin relative to the filing of petitions for voluntary administration in the Probate Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1936) of David B. Cohen for legislation to allow certified psychiatric nurse clinical specialists to file clinical reports in certain actions for the appointment of guardians and conservators, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2142) of Nicholas F. Shaheen that the courts of the Commonwealth be granted jurisdiction relative to trusts or savings plans for minors or incompetent persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2150) of

Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the House for legislation to establish a public guardianship commission, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2895) of Philip Travis and another for legislation to prohibit certain persons from inheriting from their children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2896) of Philip Travis for legislation to insure the prompt settlement of estates, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3280) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the administration of estates, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3281) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to specifications by the Probate Court of guardians ad item, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3289) of Paul Kujawski, relative to the appointment and removal of assistant registers in the Probate and Family Court Department of the Trial Court, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4870) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on the Judiciary be authorized to
2 make an investigation and study of House documents num-
3 bered 68, 161, 162, 226, 719, 940, 1737, 1748, 1936, 2142, 2150,
4 2895, 2896, 3280, 3281, 3289 and 4198, relative to guardianship,
5 trusts, estates, registrars of probate, wills, executors and adminis-
6 trators, inheritance and parental responsibility.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of
8 its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any,
9 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
10 mendations into effect by filing the same with the Clerk of the
11 House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in
12 December, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

