

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 2, 1994.

The committee on Criminal Justice, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 129) of Frederick E. Berry and Kevin M. Burke, District Attorney for the Eastern District, for legislation relative to the crime of abduction of children by relatives, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 138) of James P. Jajuga, Thomas G. Palumbo, Brian S. Dempsey, Paul L. Doherty and Mark C. Montigny for legislation to provide mandatory sentences for persons who commit certain crimes against the elderly, the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 160) of William R. Keating that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to improving the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system, the prosecution of juveniles and laws pertaining thereto, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 165) of William R. Keating, Louis L. Kafka, John H. Rogers and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation relative to multiple convictions for sexual offenses, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 182) of John D. O'Brien and James P. Jajuga for legislation relative to criminal penalties for prostitution and solicitation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 678) of John F. Cox relative to increasing the fines of persons convicted of prostitution, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Marie J. Parente, Gloria L. Fox, Stanley C. Rosenberg and Steven Angelo for legislation to further define and amend the law relative to the abuse and neglect of children and providing penalties for such abuse, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1067) of William C. Galvin for legislation to increase the penalties for rape, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1069) of Anthony M. Scibelli relative to increasing the fines of persons convicted of prostitution, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1221) John C. Klimm relative to the compensation of victims of violent crimes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1804) of James T. Brett relative to assault and battery on hackney carriage operators, the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2951) of Mary Jeanette Murray and other members of the House relative to crimes involving sexual abuse of minors, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3358) of Susan D. Schur and other members of the General Court relative to the compensation of victims of violent crimes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3526) of Barbara E. Gray relative to increasing the penalty for the crime of assault and battery, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3910) of Nancy H. Evans, Mary Jane Simmons and Emile J. Goguen relative to the compensation of victims of violent crimes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4121) of William T. Hartery relative to the penalties for assault and battery on students by school personnel, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4122) of Stephen J. Karol and another for legislation to define the crime of jostling and establishing a penalty for persons for placing a hand in the pocket, purse, handbag or similar item of another person and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4321) of David M. Peters that provision be made for the imposition of a life sentence for certain crimes against a minor, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4855) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JOSEPH B. MCINTYRE

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

1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Criminal Justice be authorized
2 during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation
3 and study of Senate documents numbered 129, 138, 160, 165 and
4 182; and House documents numbered 678, 680, 858, 1067, 1069,
5 1221, 1804, 2951, 3358, 3526, 3910, 4121, 4122 and 4321,
6 relative to crimes against children, crimes against the elderly,
7 rape, prostitution, assault and battery, and jostling.
8 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of
9 its investigation and study, and its recommendation, if any
10 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
11 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the
12 House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in
13 December, nineteen hundred and ninety-four.

