

twenty-three, is hereby authorized and directed to consider the subject matter of current senate document number twenty-five, providing retirement allowances for certain former teachers in the public schools retired prior to the adoption of the state teachers' retirement act, and to include its recommendations in relation thereto in its report to the general court.

public school teachers retired prior to adoption of state teachers' retirement act.

*Approved May 9, 1924.*

RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF THE PARENTS OF ARTHUR DALE SMITH. *Chap. 34*

*Resolved,* That, after an appropriation has been made, there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth to Richard Smith and Catherine Smith, father and mother of Arthur Dale Smith, who was killed January twenty-third in the current year while serving the commonwealth as an athletic instructor in the Massachusetts national guard, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. Payment under authority of this resolve shall be made only upon the filing with the comptroller of satisfactory releases or other evidence that said payment is accepted as full compensation on the part of the commonwealth on account of said death.

Payment to parents of Arthur Dale Smith.

Releases.

*Approved May 9, 1924.*

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO AN INVESTIGATION OF PENSIONS FOR VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. *Chap. 35*

*Resolved,* That the commission on pensions, established by chapter forty-three of the resolves of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby authorized and directed to consider the subject matter of documents numbered house two hundred and seventy-six and nine hundred and eighty-four of the current year, relative to pensions for veterans in the public service, and to include its recommendations in relation thereto in its report to the general court.

Investigation of pensions for veterans in public service.

*Approved May 9, 1924.*

RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE DRAWINGS FOR A REPORT ON THE BIRDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FIRST VOLUME OF SAID REPORT. *Chap. 36*

*Resolved,* That the department of agriculture is hereby authorized to complete the drawings for the report on the birds of the commonwealth, authorized by chapter five of the resolves of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and to cause to be printed an edition of five thousand copies of the first volume of said report, to be distributed as follows:— One copy to each free public library in the commonwealth, one copy to each county agricultural school and to each agricultural department of a public high school in the commonwealth, one copy to the commissioner of agriculture, one copy to the library of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, two copies to the state library, sixty copies to the director of the division of ornithology for distribution among scientists in the United States, and the remaining copies to be sold under the direction of the secretary of the common-

Department of agriculture may complete drawings for a report on birds and may publish and distribute first volume of said report.