

HOUSE No. 6078

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 17, 1977.

The committee on Taxation, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2673) of William G. Shaughnessy and H. Thomas Colo for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the assessment practices of the Commonwealth and city and town assessors concerning public utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2856) of Theodore D. Mann, David J. Mofenson, Jack H. Backman, A. Joseph DeNucci and Lois G. Pines relative to the taxation of real estate owned by public utility companies and providing for the levying of special assessments on such real estate; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2858) of Theodore D. Mann and David J. Mofenson for legislation to facilitate the ability of local tax assessors to obtain information from owners or lessees of personal property in order to determine the actual value of such property; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5416) of William G. Shaughnessy, Nicholas Paleologos, Samuel Rotondi and another relative to billing dates for certain property taxes, report recommending that the accompanying order House, No. 6078) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

VINCENT J. PIRO.

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

Ordered, That the Joint Committee on Taxation be authorized to sit during the current session and during the recess of the general court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house documents numbered H.2673, providing for an investigation and study by a special commission of the assessment practices of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the city and town assessors of said Commonwealth concerning public utilities, H.2856, allowing local discretion with regard to the taxation of real estate owned by utilities and providing for the levying of special assessments on said real estate, H.2858, to facilitate local assessors' ability to determine the actual value of personal property, and H.5416, relative to billing dates for certain property taxes.

Said committee may file reports from time to time, but shall file its final report together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations, if any, into effect with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.