

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 26, 1983.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 483) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to establish a formula for the measurement of natural gas, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 491) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to provide funding for the Fuel Bureau of the Department of Public Utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 499) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to establish a gas cost monitoring bureau within the Department of Public Utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 512) of Denis L. McKenna, George Bachrach, Sharon M. Pollard and members of the House of Representatives for legislation to regulate utility financing of nuclear power plant decommissioning funds, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 515) of Francis X. Bellotti, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and Patricia McGovern for legislation to require that the gas fuel adjustment charge be itemized on all bills to customers, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 524) of Martin T. Reilly and Denis L. McKenna for legislation to further regulate disputes between certain utility companies and their customers, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1827) of Carol C. Amick, Robert C. Buell, John F. Cusack, Andrew J. Rogers, Jr., Michael W. Morrissey, Sherman W. Saltmarsh, Jr., and David W. Stickell for legislation relative to rate setting for water companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 535) of Leo R. Corazzini and John P. Burke relative to further clarifying the use of depreciation funds by municipal light departments, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 536) of Leo R. Corazzini and William D. Mullins relative to the utilization of electric subtransmission, transmission and distribution facilities and equipment for cities and towns having municipal electric departments, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 539) of William D. Mullins for legislation to authorize municipal light plants to sell services to other utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 543) of Robert J. Rohan, William A. Carey, Alfred A. Minahan, Jr., Kenneth M.

Lemanski and John P. Burke relative to the tampering with electric or gas meters by the person, firm, or corporation receiving service therefrom, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 726) of Henry R. Grenier for legislation to require gas companies to make monthly readings of meters of gas customers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 911) of Denis Lawrence relative to requiring gas companies to itemize the gas fuel adjustment charge on customers bills, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1278) of Thomas C. Norton and Peter C. Webber relative to authorizing the Department of Environmental Management to grant an additional twenty foot easement to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1462) of Roger R. Goyette for legislation to require the Department of Public Utilities to promulgate rules and regulations regarding advertising by utility companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1833) of Kevin Poirier that provision be made for the interest earned from the depreciation fund from municipal lighting boards to be returned to each municipality, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1969) of David B. Cohen and George Bachrach that utility companies be prohibited from including monies expended for advertising in determining the cost of service or operating expenses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1973) of Robert L. Howarth relative to gas and electric rates, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2901) of William F. Galvin relative to the replacement of gas meters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2904) of John J. Prybyla for legislation to repeal the depreciation fund of municipal lighting plants, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2905) of John J. Prybyla relative to the pricing of gas and electricity by municipal lighting plants, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3267) of Michael J. Barrett and Lawrence R. Alexander for legislation to clarify and expand the powers and duties of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3665) of Michael W. Morrissey, David R. Nelson, Kevin P. Blanchette, Kenneth M. Lemanski and another relative to the payment of interest by public utilities on certain deposits, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of Raymond A. Jordon, Jr., and Kevin W. Fitzgerald for legislation to

further regulate disputes between certain utility companies and their customers, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6364) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

WILLIAM F. GALVIN

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

Ordered, That the committee on Government regulations be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject of the current Senate documents numbered: — 483, legislation relative to a formula for the measurement of gas; 491, legislation relative to the fuel bureau of the Department of Public Utilities; 499, legislation relative to the establishment of a Gas Cost Monitoring Bureau; 512, legislation to regulate utility financing of nuclear power plant decommissioning funds; 515, legislation requiring that the fuel adjustment charge be itemized on all bills to customers; 524, legislation further regulating disputes between certain utility companies and their customers; 1827, legislation relative to rate setting for water companies; and of the current House documents numbered: — 535, legislation further clarifying the use of depreciation funds by municipal light departments; 536, legislation relative to the utilization of electric subtransmission, transmission, and distribution facilities and equipment for cities and towns, having municipal electric departments; 539, legislation authorizing municipal light plants to sell services to other utilities; 543, legislation regarding the tampering with electric or gas meters by the persons, firm, or corporation receiving service therefrom; 726, legislation regulating the actual meter reading of customer's consumption of gas; 911, legislation requiring gas companies to itemize the gas fuel adjustment charge on customer's bills; 1278, legislation authorizing The Department of Environmental Management to grant an additional twenty foot easement to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a division of Tenneco, Inc.; 1462, legislation requiring the department of Public Utilities to promulgate rules and regulations regarding advertising by utility companies; 1833, legislation providing for the interest earned from the depreciation fund from municipal lighting boards to be returned to each municipality; 1969, legislation further regulating certain utility expenditures; 1973, legislation relative to gas and electric rates; 2901, legislation relative to the replacement of gas meters; 2904, legislation to

repeal the depreciation fund of municipal lighting plants; 2905, legislation to amend the pricing of gas and electricity by municipal lighting plants; 3267, legislation clarifying and expanding the powers and duties of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company; 3665, legislation providing for the payment of interest by public utilities on certain deposits; 3829, legislation further regulating disputes between certain utility companies and their customers.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State House or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel within the Commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of such legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the House on or before the first Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

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REPORT

ON THE BUDGET

The Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives has the honor to report to the House the results of its study of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1964. The Committee has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from interested citizens and organizations. It has also conducted extensive research into the economic and social conditions of the country and the impact of the proposed budget on these conditions. The Committee believes that the proposed budget is a balanced and responsible one, which will provide for the necessary expenditures for the maintenance and improvement of our national defense, the promotion of economic growth, and the advancement of social welfare. It is particularly pleased to note that the budget provides for a significant increase in the Federal Reserve's assets, which will help to stabilize the money market and maintain the value of the dollar. The Committee also notes that the budget provides for a substantial increase in the Federal Reserve's income, which will help to offset the increase in its assets. The Committee believes that these provisions are essential for the long-term stability and health of our financial system. In addition, the Committee believes that the budget provides for a significant increase in the Federal Reserve's income, which will help to offset the increase in its assets. The Committee also notes that the budget provides for a substantial increase in the Federal Reserve's income, which will help to offset the increase in its assets. The Committee believes that these provisions are essential for the long-term stability and health of our financial system.

