

HOUSE No. 2846

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 10, 1954.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1458) of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for legislation to limit the recovery of damages for defects in ways, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2846).

For the committee,

WILLIAM D. MORTON, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE LAWS LIMITING THE RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FOR DEFECTS IN WAYS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and two persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established to study the subject
7 matter of the laws of the commonwealth relating to
8 the limiting of recovery of damages for defects in
9 ways, and its effect upon the commonwealth and its
10 political subdivisions. Said commission shall, in the
11 course of its study, consider the subject matter of
12 current house document numbered 1458, relative to
13 limiting the recovery of damages for defects in ways,
14 and the subject matter of sections twelve, eighteen
15 and twenty of chapter eighty-one of the General Laws,
16 of sections twenty-one, thirty and thirty-two A of
17 chapter eighty-two of the General Laws, of sections
18 twenty-five and twenty-six of chapter eighty-three of
19 the General Laws, of sections one, seven, eleven A,
20 fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty,
21 twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five of chapter
22 eighty-four of the General Laws, and of sections
23 thirty-five and thirty-six of chapter ninety-two of
24 the General Laws. Said commission shall be provided
25 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold
26 public hearings, may travel within the commonwealth
27 and may expend for clerical and other services and
28 expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
29 Said commission shall report to the general court the

30 results of its investigation and study, and its recom-
31 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
32 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,
33 by filing the same with the clerk of the senate not
34 later than the last Wednesday of December in the
35 current year.

