

HOUSE No. 1264

Resolve accompanying the petition of E. Mark Sullivan for the appointment of a commission to consider uniform state legislation relative to the wages of women and minors in industry. Joint Rules. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

RESOLVE

Providing for the Appointment of a Commission to study the Question of Uniformity in the Laws of the Several States in respect to Statutory Regulation of the Wages of Women and Minors in Industry.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to be composed of
2 a member of the senate and two members of the house
3 and two other persons to be appointed by the governor,
4 shall sit during the recess of the general court for the
5 purpose of classifying the industries of the common-
6 wealth, with special reference to those industries whose
7 product or business is subject to competition with sim-
8 ilar industries in any of the several states of the United
9 States; to inquire into, compare, and investigate to what
10 extent the laws of such states, with respect to the regu-
11 lation of wages of women and minors in industry, are
12 uniform with those of the commonwealth, and the prob-

13 able or actual influence and effect of such uniformity or
14 lack of uniformity as may exist upon the welfare and
15 normal growth of such industries in the commonwealth.
16 And said commission is empowered to enter into co-
17 operative and reciprocal relations with any commission
18 which may be authorized for similar or related purposes
19 in and by another state or states, or by the congress or
20 any official bureau of the United States, or any civic
21 body, and shall, independently or with such co-operation,
22 consider the desirability of the assumption of exclusive or
23 other jurisdiction by the federal government over all legis-
24 lation directly or indirectly seeking to control or regulate
25 the wages of women or minors in any private industry in
26 the several states, or any of them, the sale of whose prod-
27 uct is subject to interstate competition, so-called. The
28 commission shall report to the next general court, on or
29 before the second Wednesday in March, the result of its
30 study and investigation in detail, together with its con-
31 clusions and recommendations in respect thereto. The com-
32 mission shall give such public hearings as it may deem
33 necessary within the commonwealth, may employ such
34 assistance, clerical or otherwise, as it may require, and
35 shall receive such sums for clerical assistance as shall be
36 allowed by the governor and council.