

HOUSE No. 5849

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 23, 1971.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Order (filed by Mr. Flaherty of Cambridge) relative to the appointment of a joint special committee to make an investigation and study of the use of modern electronic data processing systems by departments, boards and commissions of the Commonwealth and by the General Court (House, No. 5849), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committees,

THOMAS W. MCGEE

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1 *Ordered*, That a joint special committee composed of three
2 members of the senate to be appointed by the president thereof
3 and five members of the house of representatives to be appointed
4 by the speaker thereof to make an investigation and study of the
5 use of modern electronic data processing systems by depart-
6 ments, boards and commissions of the commonwealth and by the
7 general court; of the number, types and capabilities of the
8 machines used or contemplated to be used; of the effectiveness
9 and utilization rates of these machines; of the number and
10 availability of systems-trained personnel required at the appropri-
11 ate levels of skill; of the procedures used to acquire computer
12 services; of the possibility of conflicts and frustrations inherent
13 in consolidating data processing procedures in any restructuring
14 of the executive department; and of the efficiency of existing
15 forms of management of computer systems with a view especially
16 of determining how the public interest might be better served, is
17 hereby revived and continued. Said committee may, in the course
18 of its duties, travel within and without the commonwealth, may
19 employ such expert, clerical and other assistance as it deems
20 necessary, and shall report its findings, and its recommendations,
21 if any, to the general court by filing the same, together with
22 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations
23 into effect, with the clerk of the house on or before the fourth
24 Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.
25 Said committee may report from time to time.