

HOUSE . . . . . No. 4917

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 1969.

The committee on Counties, to whom was referred the annual report of the Director of Accounts (under Section 28 of Chapter 35 of the General Laws) of estimates of county receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1969 (House, No. 4745), report in part the accompanying bill (House, No. 4917).

For the committee,

LAWRENCE P. SMITH.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY, ITS DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS, OF SUNDRY OTHER SERVICES, FOR CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, FOR INTEREST AND DEBT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF LAW AND GRANTING A COUNTY TAX FOR SAID COUNTY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. To provide for the maintenance of Plymouth  
2 county, its departments, boards, commissions and institutions,  
3 of sundry other services, for certain permanent improvements,  
4 for interest and debt requirements, and to meet certain require-  
5 ments of law, the following sums for the several purposes and  
6 subject to the conditions specified in section two are hereby  
7 appropriated, subject to the provisions of law regulating the  
8 disbursement of county funds and the approval thereof for the  
9 year nineteen hundred and sixty-nine:

### PLYMOUTH COUNTY

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1. For interest on county debt . . . . .		\$90,803.64
2. For reduction of county debt . . . . .		283,633.44
3. For county commissioners, salaries and expenses . . . . .		46,940.65
1. Personal services . . . . .	\$43,408.65	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	1,400.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	1,300.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	257.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	575.00	
4. For transportation and expenses of county and acting commissioners . . . . .		1,000.00
5. For clerk of courts, salaries and expenses . . . . .		119,764.63
1. Personal services . . . . .	101,047.13	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	7,175.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	5,000.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	2,766.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	3,776.50	

PLYMOUTH COUNTY — *Continued.*

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>Total.</i>
6. For county treasurer, salaries and expenses . . . . .		\$69,523.38
1. Personal services . . . . .	\$36,243.38	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	1,450.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	3,425.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	405.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	28,000.00	
7. For sheriff, salary and expenses . . . . .		12,763.00
1. Personal services . . . . .	12,158.00	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	100.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	505.00	
8. For registry of deeds, salaries and expenses . . . . .		270,936.45
1. Personal services . . . . .	223,359.55	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	21,645.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	10,500.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	12,000.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	3,431.90	
8a. For registry of probate, salaries and expenses . . . . .		21,622.27
1. Personal services . . . . .	1,995.07	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	8,450.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	7,000.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	980.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	3,197.20	
9. For law library, salaries and expenses . . . . .		13,898.12
1. Personal services . . . . .	3,698.12	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	200.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	10,000.00	
10. For highways, including state highways, bridges and land damages . . . . .		356,925.00
11. For examination of dams . . . . .		2,000.00
12. For criminal costs in superior court . . . . .		295,025.03
1. Personal services . . . . .	84,515.03	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	199,240.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	2,300.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	800.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	8,170.00	
13. For civil expenses in supreme judicial, superior probate and land courts, including auditors, masters and referees . . . . .		180,607.00
1. Personal services . . . . .	61,517.00	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	118,840.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	250.00	
14. For district courts, salaries and expenses:		
District Court of Brockton . . . . .		253,566.82
1. Personal services . . . . .	221,034.92	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	12,715.90	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	7,725.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	9,432.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	2,659.00	

PLYMOUTH COUNTY — *Continued.*

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
District Court of Hingham . . . . .		\$167,365.09
1. Personal services . . . . .	\$149,858.29	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	8,950.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	4,750.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	840.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	2,966.80	
District Court of Plymouth . . . . .		103,471.37
1. Personal services . . . . .	92,128.87	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	4,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	4,675.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	732.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	1,935.50	
District Court of Wareham . . . . .		90,678.54
1. Personal services . . . . .	72,178.54	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	6,577.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	3,250.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	7,025.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	1,648.00	
District Court — Juvenile . . . . .		58,406.78
1. Personal services . . . . .	52,268.03	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	3,900.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	900.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	160.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	1,178.75	
District Court — Appellate . . . . .		200.00
2. Contractual services . . . . .	200.00	
15. For medical examiners and commitments of insane . . . . .		49,810.00
16. For jail and house of correction, maintenance and operation . . . . .		627,549.40
1. Personal services . . . . .	379,894.90	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	40,000.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	100,000.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	9,154.15	
5. Equipment . . . . .	20,500.35	
6. All other . . . . .	78,000.00	
17. For training school . . . . .		32,000.00
18. For court houses and registry buildings, maintenance and operation . . . . .		211,979.64
1. Personal services . . . . .	100,136.64	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	57,733.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	19,329.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	6,082.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	3,699.00	
6. All other . . . . .	25,000.00	
19. For construction of county buildings and/or purchase of land . . . . .		25,000.00

PLYMOUTH COUNTY — *Concluded.*

<i>Item.</i>	<i>Sub-total.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
20. For agricultural school or county aid to agriculture, maintenance and operation		\$114,773.54
1. Personal services . . . . .	\$98,770.54	
2. Contractual services . . . . .	8,200.00	
3. Supplies and materials . . . . .	2,700.00	
4. Current charges and obligations . . . . .	728.00	
5. Equipment . . . . .	4,375.00	
24. For non-contributory pensions . . . . .		40,000.00
25. For contributory retirement system and supervisory expenses . . . . .		131,651.87
26. For miscellaneous and contingent expenses . . . . .		14,994.40
27. For unpaid bills of previous years . . . . .		10,604.28
28. For reserve fund . . . . .		60,000.00
30. For forest fire patrol . . . . .		6,250.00
31. For police radio system . . . . .		250.00
32a. For maintenance, forest fire apparatus . . . . .		2,970.00
33. For police training school and bureau of criminal investigation . . . . .		35,460.68
38. For county airplane . . . . .		2,800.00
39. For group insurance . . . . .		32,000.00
Total amount of appropriations . . . . .		\$3,837,225.02
Less estimated amount available for reduction of county tax . . . . .		871,287.30

And the county commissioners of PLYMOUTH COUNTY are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of . . . . . \$2,965,937.72

1 SECTION 2. Sums appropriated in section one are based upon  
2 detailed schedules approved by the joint committee on counties,  
3 copies of which are deposited with the director of accounts.  
4 Said director shall file with the county commissioners and the  
5 county treasurer of Plymouth county a certification of the  
6 amounts above appropriated as set forth in the approved  
7 schedules. Except as provided by this act or except as otherwise  
8 provided by law, no liability may be incurred and no expenditure  
9 shall be made in excess of the amount available in an existing  
10 appropriation for a function, a main group, a class or a subclass.

11 Transfers within an appropriation from a main group to an-  
12 other main group may be made upon written request of the au-  
13 thorized official of the organization unit with the written ap-  
14 proval of the county commissioners, and copies of said request  
15 and approval shall be filed with the county treasurer; provided,  
16 however, that no transfer shall be made from the main groups  
17 "personal services", "equipment", "structures and improve-  
18 ments" or "improvements to land" to another main group nor  
19 shall any transfer be made from any other main group into any  
20 of the aforementioned main groups.

21 Transfers within an appropriation between classes and be-  
22 tween subclasses within a main group may be made by the au-  
23 thorized official of the organization unit whenever in his opinion  
24 public necessity and convenience so requires; provided, how-  
25 ever, that no transfer shall be made within the classes of the  
26 main groups "personal services" or "equipment".

27 Amounts included for permanent positions in sums appropri-  
28 ated in section one for personal services are based upon schedules  
29 of permanent positions and salary rates as approved by the  
30 joint committee on counties, and, except as otherwise shown by  
31 the files of said committee, a copy of which shall be deposited  
32 with the county personnel board, no part of sums so appropri-  
33 ated in section one shall be available for payment of salaries of  
34 any additional permanent positions, or for payments on ac-  
35 count of reallocations of permanent positions, or for payments  
36 on account of any change of salary range or compensation of any  
37 permanent positions, notwithstanding any special or general law  
38 to the contrary.

39 Moneys appropriated under this act for the purchase of equip-  
40 ment shall be expended for the purposes specified in the schedules  
41 as approved by the joint committee on counties and for no other  
42 purpose.

1 SECTION 3. No expense incurred for mid-day meals by  
2 county officers and employees, other than those who receive as  
3 part of their compensation a noncash allowance in the form of  
4 full or complete boarding and housing, and those county officers  
5 and employees who are stationed beyond commuting distance  
6 from their homes for a period of more than twenty-four hours,  
7 shall be allowed; provided that officers or employees who have

8 charge of juries or who have the care and custody of prisoners,  
9 insane persons or other persons placed in their charge by a  
10 court or under legal proceedings for transfer to or from court  
11 to an institution or from institution to institution and persons  
12 certified by a district attorney as engaged in investigation  
13 shall be reimbursed for the expense of mid-day meals when  
14 necessarily engaged on such duty; and provided, further, that  
15 county officers and employees in attendance at meetings and  
16 conferences called by or for any group or class on a statewide  
17 basis shall be so reimbursed.

18 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph,  
19 not more than two employees of a county may be reimbursed  
20 for meals and other expenses incurred in attendance at a meeting  
21 or conference called by or for any group or class on a statewide  
22 basis.

23 No moneys appropriated under this act shall be expended by  
24 county officers or employees for monthly telephone service  
25 furnished to such officers or employees at places other than  
26 regular offices.

27 No moneys appropriated under this act shall be approved by  
28 the county commissioners and expended by the county treasurer  
29 for any unpaid bills of previous years which were incurred prior  
30 to January first of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

1 SECTION 4. The allowance to county officers and employees  
2 for expenses incurred by them in the operation of motor vehicles  
3 owned by them or by any member of their immediate families  
4 and used in the performance of their official duties shall not  
5 exceed eight cents a mile, except in cases where a higher allow-  
6 ance is specifically provided by statute; provided that in the  
7 case of commitments of the insane the justice of the court order-  
8 ing the commitment may order a higher rate, but not to exceed  
9 forty cents a mile one way. No expenditures shall be made  
10 for travel outside the commonwealth for attendance at con-  
11 ferences or conventions.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

1. The first part of the report is a general statement of the purpose of the study. It is to determine the effect of the treatment on the growth of the plants. The study was conducted in a greenhouse under controlled conditions. The plants were divided into two groups: a control group and a treatment group. The treatment group received a certain amount of the treatment substance. The growth of the plants was measured in terms of height and leaf area. The results of the study are presented in the following tables.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the experimental procedure. The plants were grown in a greenhouse under controlled conditions. The temperature was maintained at a constant level of 20 degrees Celsius. The plants were watered daily with a solution of the treatment substance. The control group received water only. The growth of the plants was measured in terms of height and leaf area. The results of the study are presented in the following tables.

3. The third part of the report is a discussion of the results of the study. The results show that the treatment substance has a significant effect on the growth of the plants. The plants in the treatment group grew significantly taller and had a larger leaf area than the plants in the control group. This suggests that the treatment substance promotes plant growth. The results are consistent with the hypothesis that the treatment substance has a growth-promoting effect on plants.

4. Section 4. This part will take upon its design.