

# SENATE . . . . No. 547

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, April 29, 1948.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Senate resolves reviving, continuing and increasing the scope of the investigation of the special commission known as "Market Authority" relative to the handling of essential fresh foods within the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 454); and increasing the scope of the investigation to be made by the special commission known as "Market Authority" (Senate, No. 510), — report recommending that the same severally ought to pass in the form of a new draft entitled "Resolve reviving, continuing and increasing the scope of the investigation of the special commission known as 'Market Authority' relative to the handling of essential fresh foods within the Commonwealth" (Senate, No. 547).

For the committees,

NEWLAND H. HOLMES.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

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RESOLVE REVIVING, CONTINUING AND INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION KNOWN AS "MARKET AUTHORITY" RELATIVE TO THE HANDLING OF ESSENTIAL FRESH FOODS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, es-  
2 tablished by chapter fifty-three of the resolves of  
3 nineteen hundred and forty-seven, is hereby re-  
4 vived and continued for the purpose of continuing  
5 its investigation and study of the subject of the  
6 handling of essential fresh foods within the com-  
7 monwealth with a view to making recommendations  
8 for the improvement of market facilities therefor.  
9 Said commission in the course of its investigation  
10 and study shall also consider the subject matter of  
11 current house document numbered eleven hundred  
12 and ninety-one relative to providing for the rebuilding  
13 of the Boston Market by the construction, operation,  
14 maintenance and repair of the buildings and alter-  
15 ation and repair and removal of existing buildings  
16 in the so-called market area, providing for the cre-  
17 ation of the Boston Market Authority and defining  
18 its powers and duties and providing for the financing  
19 of said project, and current house document numbered  
20 thirteen hundred and eighty-two providing for the  
21 licensing of persons as commission agents for certain

22 farm products, and establishing a maximum fee for  
23 their services as such, and shall also consider the  
24 recommendations contained in current senate docu-  
25 ment numbered four hundred and twenty-six, relative  
26 to the handling of essential fresh foods within the  
27 commonwealth. Said commission shall be provided  
28 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, and may  
29 expend for clerical assistance, expert and engineering  
30 and other assistance, such sums, not exceeding five  
31 thousand dollars, in addition to the unexpended  
32 balance, as may hereafter be appropriated therefor.  
33 Said commission may hold hearings and may travel  
34 within and without the commonwealth in the per-  
35 formance of its duties. Said commission shall report  
36 to the general court the results of its survey and study,  
37 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts  
38 of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations  
39 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the  
40 senate on or before the first Wednesday of December,  
41 nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

The first part of the report is devoted to a general  
 description of the country and its resources. It  
 is followed by a detailed account of the  
 various industries and occupations of the  
 people. The report then proceeds to a  
 description of the climate and the  
 diseases which are prevalent in the  
 country. It concludes with a list of the  
 principal towns and villages in the  
 country.