

HOUSE No. 5443

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 1972.

The committee on Transportation, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 672) of Vincent J. Piro that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority be directed to charge half fares for all persons receiving social security; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 863) of James E. Smith that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority be directed to grant reduced fares to certain persons who are elderly, blind or permanently disabled; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 864) of Elmer Brown for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the possibility of commercial airlines and railroads establishing reduced fares for elderly, handicapped, disabled and blind persons at non-peak times; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4624) of Louis P. Bertonazzi that cities and towns be authorized to provide transportation for elderly persons to and from the nearest shopping centers and providing for state reimbursement therefor, report recommending that the accompany order (House, No. 5443) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

RAYMOND F. ROURKE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Transportation be authorized
2 to sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of
3 making an investigation and study of the subject matter of
4 current house documents numbered 672, directing the Mass-
5 chusetts Bay Transportation Authority to charge half fares for all
6 persons receiving social security benefits, 863, providing for
7 reduced fares on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
8 Authority for certain persons who are elderly, blind or
9 permanently disabled, of the investigation and study proposed by
10 current house document numbered 864, relative to the
11 possibility of commercial airlines and railroads establishing
12 reduced fares for elderly, handicapped, disabled and blind
13 persons at non-peak times, and of current house document
14 numbered 4624, reimbursing cities and towns for certain costs
15 incurred by them for transportation of elderly persons to and
16 from nearby shopping centers. Said committee shall be provided
17 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings,
18 may travel within the commonwealth, and may expend for
19 clerical and other assistance and expenses such sums as may be
20 appropriated therefor. Said committee shall report to the general
21 court the results of its investigation and study, and its recom-
22 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary
23 to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
24 the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the last
25 Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.