
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 20, 1983.

The committee on Criminal Justice to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 238) of Francis D. Doris for legislation to provide penalties for the malicious defacement of public and private property within the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 239) of Mary L. Fonseca for legislation to require restitution from any person convicted of vandalism; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 258) of Denis L. McKenna for legislation to provide for certain penalties for persons who damage, cut or otherwise destroy fencing or safety barriers along train tracks; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 277) of Samuel Rotondi and Kevin Burke for legislation relative to making the refusal to take a breath test admissible as evidence in civil and criminal proceedings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 524) of William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation to increase the penalty for burning or aiding in burning wood and other property; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1942) of W. Paul White for legislation to authorize punishment for perjury and related offenses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1944) of W. Paul White relative to the penalties for illegal gambling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1945) of W. Paul White relative to the penalty for theft and fencing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1946) of W. Paul White relative to the penalties for loan sharking; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1947) of W. Paul White relative to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1948) of W. Paul White relative to extortion, bribery and sports bribery; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1953) of W. Paul White and Angelo M. Scaccia relative to increasing certain types of property destruction made punishable under vandalism statutes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2278) of Robert B. Ambler for legislation to increase the penalties for breaking glass in buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2281) of Walter E. Bickford and another relative to the penalties of violation of the open burning law, so-called; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 2470) of Michael F. Flaherty relative to the penalties for loan sharking; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2471) of Michael F. Flaherty relative to the penalty for theft and fencing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2472) of Michael F. Flaherty relative to the penalties for illegal gambling; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2476) of Michael F. Flaherty relative to the recording of certain emergency telephone conversations involving public health and safety; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2670) of Thomas F. Brownell for legislation to require restitution from any person convicted of vandalism; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2872) of William F. Galvin for legislation to increase the penalties for breaking glass in buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2874) of Richard T. Moore for a change in the law relative to the penalty for littering; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4167) of J. Michael Ruane relative to the penalty for malicious breaking of glass; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5682) of Kevin W. Fitzgerald for legislation to impose liability on owners of vessels damaging publicly owned buildings, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6647) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

W. PAUL WHITE.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

Ordered, That the special committee authorized (under the provisions of an order, see House, No. 6595 of 1977, and revived and continued by Senate order No. 1360 of 1978, Senate order No. 1662 of 1979, House order No. 5196 of 1980, House order No. 5583 of 1981, time for reporting extended under the provisions of an order, see House, No. 5830, App. B of 1982 and House order No. 6230 of 1983) to make an investigation and study of the feasibility of a revision of the Massachusetts criminal law statutes for the purpose of establishing a criminal code with uniform sentencing procedure shall in the course of its investigation and study consider the subject matter of current Senate documents numbered 238, pertaining to penalties for malicious defacement of property; 239, relative to restitution for vandalism; 258, relative to damaging property; 277, relative to the admissibility of breathalizers as evidence; of current house documents numbered 524, relative to burning wood and other property; 1942, pertaining to punishment for perjury; 1944, relative to penalties for illegal gambling; 1945, relative to theft; 1946, providing for penalties for loan sharking; 1947, relative to racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations; 1948, relative to extortion; 1953, relative to increasing certain types of property made punishable under the vandalism statute; 2278, pertaining to increasing penalties for malicious destruction; 2281 relative to penalties for violation of the open burning law; 2470, relative to the penalties for loan sharking; 2471, relative to the penalty for theft; 2472, relative to illegal gambling; 2476, relative to the recording of certain emergency telephone conversations; 2670, pertaining to restitution; 2872, increasing the penalties for breaking glass; 2874, relative to the penalty for littering; 4167, relative to the penalty for malicious breaking of glass; 5682, relative to imposing liability an owners of vessels damaging publicly owned buildings.

