

By Mr. Wetmore of Barre, petition of Robert D. Wetmore, John S. Ames III, Robert W. Gillette, Carter D. Kimbrel, David J. Mofenson and Richard H. Demers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to population growth and distribution and other related matters. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO POPULATION GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission consisting of three
2 members of the senate, seven members of the house, and ten
3 persons to be appointed by the governor, is hereby established
4 for the purpose of making a study and investigation relative to
5 the population growth and distribution in the commonwealth,
6 and other related matters. Said commission shall specifically,
7 but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, consider
8 the following: —

9 1. A coordinated population program for the common-
10 wealth.

11 2. A state demographic information center with the job of
12 collecting, interpreting and distributing population information
13 to aid cities and towns in planning for the future.

14 3. A population policy for the commonwealth based on the
15 state's economic and natural resources and safeguarding the
16 rights and needs of traditionally disenfranchised groups in the
17 commonwealth — e.g. urban poor of all races and nationalities,
18 the elderly, and the young.

19 4. The interpretation of relevant state programs and policies
20 in the light of their impact on population growth and distribu-
21 tion.

22 5. Consideration of the desirability of specific methods of
23 population planning including specific growth limitation, reloca-
24 tion possibilities, tax incentives, use of rural communities to

25 absorb population growth or preservation of rural areas and
26 open spaces.

27 6. Possibilities for cooperation on population growth and
28 planning with adjacent states and the federal government, and
29 any other related matter.

30 Said commission may travel outside the commonwealth. Said
31 commission may report to the General Court from time to
32 time together with drafts of such legislation as may be neces-
33 sary, but not later than September first, nineteen hundred and
34 seventy-four.