

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, MAY 7, 1979.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 483) of Carol C. Amick for legislation to reclassify and thereby to increase the penalties for the use of the drug phenylclidine, commonly known as PCB or angel dust; the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 527) of George Rogers and John H. Fitzpatrick that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to providing for a comprehensive study of the drug problem in Massachusetts; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 529) of George Rogers and John H. Fitzpatrick for legislation to make the sale of butyl nitrite a controlled substance; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 555) of the Concerned Citizens for Drug Prevention, by Luci Forti, director, for legislation to allocate certain funds for drug prevention to drug education; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 556) of the Concerned Citizens for Drug Prevention, by Luci Forti, Director, for legislation to establish juvenile care centers for certain hard core youthful drug offenders; reports the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 1856).

For the Committee,

JACK H. BACKMAN

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A COMMISSION RELATIVE TO DRUG ABUSE.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of seven
2 members of the senate, seven members of the house of repre-
3 sentatives, and the commissioners of the departments of
4 education, mental health and public health, is hereby estab-
5 lished for the purpose of making an investigation and study
6 relative to making determination of the extent to which
7 controlled substances are illicitly distributed in Massachu-
8 setts. During the course of its investigation said commission
9 shall also study the subject matter of the current senate
10 documents numbered 483; relative to reclassifying the com-
11 pound phencyclidine; 529, relative to classification of the com-
12 pound butyl nitrate; 555, authorizing the allocation of cer-
13 tain funds for drug abuse educational programs; 556, estab-
14 lishing juvenile care centers for youths who are detained by
15 police for possession with intent to sell a controlled sub-
16 stance and who are later committed to the department of
17 youth services for treatment. Said commission may report
18 to the General Court from time to time, but in any event
19 shall make its final report by filing with the clerks of the
20 senate and house of representatives, on or before the last
21 Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.
22 Said commission may expend such sums as may be appro-
23 priated therefor, and may travel within and outside of the
24 Commonwealth.