

HOUSE No. 2535

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 11, 1954.

The committee on State Administration, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1109) of Abraham H. Kahalas and another for state reimbursement of the city of Boston for part of the expense of maintaining the Boston Public Library, and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2025) of Gabriel Francis Piemonte and Abraham H. Kahalas for an annual payment by the Commonwealth to the city of Boston of part of the expenses of the Boston Public Library, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2535).

For the committee,

MICHAEL J. McCARTHY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO STATE AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to con-
2 sist of two members of the senate to be designated by
3 the president thereof, four members of the house of
4 representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and five persons to be appointed by the gov-
6 ernor, is hereby established for the purpose of making
7 an investigation and study relative to state aid to
8 cities and towns to help defray the cost of public
9 libraries. Said commission shall, in the course of its
10 investigation and study, consider the subject matter
11 of current house document numbered 1109, relative to
12 providing for reimbursement by the commonwealth
13 to the city of Boston for that portion of the expense
14 of maintaining the Boston Public Library as is at-
15 tributable to its use by non-residents of said city; and
16 of current house document numbered 2025, relative
17 to providing for an annual payment to the city of
18 Boston in partial reimbursement of expenses incurred
19 by it in connection with the use of its public library
20 by citizens of the commonwealth not inhabitants of
21 said city. Said commission shall be provided with
22 quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may travel
23 within the commonwealth and may expend for clerical
24 and other assistance and expenses such sums as may
25 be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall re-
26 port to the general court the results of its investi-
27 gation and its recommendations, if any, together with
28 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
29 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the
30 clerk of the house of representatives on or before the
31 first Wednesday of December in the current year.