

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 29, 1948.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 264) of the Massachusetts Committee for Medical Research, by John F. Conlin, William E. Nolen and Sherman Miles for legislation to make available unclaimed animals impounded in animal pounds for scientific investigation, experiment or instruction, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 385) of the New England Anti-Vivisection Society for legislation to prohibit experiments and operations upon living dogs and cats, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1082) of Walter F. Costello and Robert G. Connolly for legislation to make available records of purchase and acquisition of animals for experimentation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1090) of Vincent A. Mannering for legislation to prohibit the vivisection of living dogs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Sherman Miles for legislation to regulate experimentation upon certain living animals, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1467) of Edwin W. Hadley for legislation to regulate certain experiments with animals, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1638) of Stanley Borsa for legislation to make available records of purchase and acquisition of animals for experimentation, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2139).

For the committee,

LOUIS LOBEL.

Senator LEE, and Representative TWEEDY of Taunton, dissenting.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY  
BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE  
PROCUREMENT AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS FOR MEDI-  
CAL EXPERIMENTATION AND STUDY.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to  
2 consist of three members of the senate to be designated  
3 by the president thereof, five members of the house  
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker  
5 thereof and three persons to be appointed by the  
6 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of  
7 making an investigation and study relative to the  
8 subjects hereinafter mentioned, and of considering  
9 the advisability of licensing institutions capable of  
10 intelligent experimentation and of providing for  
11 supplying to licensed institutions unclaimed and  
12 unwanted animals which are held in the public  
13 pounds, the making of records of animals obtained by  
14 institutions for experimentation, and the making of  
15 such regulations for the care and treatment of animals  
16 under medical control for experimentation purposes  
17 as will insure the minimum of suffering consistent  
18 with the safeguarding of public health and the ad-  
19 vancement of medical and surgical science. Said  
20 commission shall, in the course of its investigation and  
21 study, consider the subject matter of current senate  
22 document numbered two hundred and sixty-four,

23 and of current house documents numbered three  
24 hundred and eighty-five, ten hundred and eighty-  
25 two, ten hundred and ninety, ten hundred and ninety-  
26 seven, fourteen hundred and sixty-seven and sixteen  
27 hundred and thirty-eight. Said commission may  
28 expend for clerical and other services and expenses,  
29 such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
30 dollars, as may be appropriated therefor. Said com-  
31 mission shall report to the general court any plans or  
32 methods approved by it and its recommendations,  
33 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry  
34 the same into effect, by filing the same with the clerk  
35 of the senate on or before the second Wednesday of  
36 December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-  
37 eight.

