

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 10, 1988.

The committee on Taxation, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1285) of Paul D. Harold and Francis X. McCauley for legislation relative to the factors included in the determination of the amount of state aid to cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1294) of John N. Mulready, Sr., for legislation relative to regional school districts and tax levy limitations, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1306) of Richard a. Kraus for legislation to establish a procedure for voter approval of local real estate and personal property tax rates, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1307) of Richard A. Kraus for legislation to consolidate certain local aid programs into a consolidated reimbursement and to provide for annual increases in said reimbursement, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1315) of David H. Locke for legislation to increase from forty to fifty percent the amount of growth revenues dedicated to local aid, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1331) of John W. Olver, Salvatore R. Albano and John E. McDonough for legislation to reduce local property taxes, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1338) of Richard A. Manley and John W. Olver for legislation to consolidate certain local aid programs into a consolidated reimbursement and to provide for annual increases in said reimbursement, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1350) of Mary L. Padula, Peter C. Webber and John F. Parker for legislation relative to the use of local aid fund payments to cities, towns and districts, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 475) of Gregory W. Sullivan relative to the amount of local aid to be distributed to cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 476) of Gregory W. Sullivan relative to establishing minimum levels of local aid paid to cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 859) of Robert B. Ambler relative to lease payments based upon real estate tax increases in cities and towns which have classified property according to use for purposes of taxation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1041) of

John E. McDonough and Shirley Owens-Hicks relative to the distribution of certain local aid fund revenue, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1059) of John E. McDonough, Richard J. Rouse, Shirley Owens-Hicks and Kevin G. Honan for legislation relative to the distribution of lottery revenues, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1597) of Suzanne M. Bump for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the economic impact that certain public facilities have on surrounding residential property values, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2009) of Steven D. Pierce and other members of the General Court relative to the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2010) of Steven D. Pierce and other members of the General Court relative to the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2010) of Steven D. Pierce and other members of the General Court relative to the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2204) of Patricia G. Fiero, other members of the General Court and another for legislation to provide for adjustments to the local aid formula, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2220) of Steven D. Pierce and other members of the General Court relative to the distribution of local aid to cities and towns of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2801) of Frank M. Hynes, John W. Olver, Mary L. Padula and another relative to the distribution of local aid funds to cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3193) of Peter Forman and Edward P. Kirby relative to local real estate taxes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3194) of Peter Forman relative to limiting the frequency of ballot questions to raise tax levies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3362) of Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., and another that cities and towns be allowed to increase their levy limit to ten per cent without overriding the provisions of tax proposition two and one-half, so-called, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3370) of Theodore D. Mann, Susan D. Schur and Lois G. Pines relative to payments made to cities and towns from the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3371) of Michael P. Walsh that the payment of certain judgments against municipalities be exempt from assessment of local taxes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3889) of Emanuel G. Serra relative to requiring full state funding of state mandated programs

and administrative rules and regulations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4329) of John F. Flood and other members of the General Court relative to the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4352) of Thomas G. Palumbo relative to the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4354) of Thomas G. Palumbo relative to the Local Aid Fund, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4542) of Charles E. Silvia relative to increasing the scope of the special commission including members of the General Court on the current local aid distribution formula, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4928) of Marie-Louise Kehoe that the assessed valuation of exempt county owned facilities be included in the equalizing formula for the distribution of local aid, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4935) of Gregory W. Sullivan relative to the distribution of local aid and school aid, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5193) of Marie-Louise Kehoe, Patricia G. Fiero, Angelo M. Scaccia and Barbara Hildt relative to the assessment of local property taxes, reports recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5635) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN H. FLOOD.

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

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**RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE  
CURRENT LOCAL AID DISTRIBUTION FORMULA.**

1     *Resolved*, that the special commission (established by line item  
2 0185-7803 of Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1984 and most recently  
3 revived and continued by Chapter 1 of the Resolves of 1987) is  
4 hereby revived and continued by further studying local aid  
5 distribution formulae in order to determine if said formulae  
6 provide fair and equitable distribution to cities and towns.