

# SENATE . . . . No. 474

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To accompany the petition of Mary L. Fonseca that provision be made for an investigation and study by an unpaid special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of providing certain tax benefits to industry in the Commonwealth and related matters. Taxation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING CERTAIN TAX BENEFITS TO INDUSTRY IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND RELATED MATTERS.

1 *Whereas*, After considerable study by the New Eng-  
2 land Governors' Textile Committee, certain states  
3 have taken legislative action designed to provide tax  
4 benefits to industry through the amortization of the  
5 cost of new plants and modernization of present plants;  
6 and

7 *Whereas*, A need exists to maintain the competitive  
8 status of Massachusetts industry; therefore be it

9 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission con-  
10 sisting of two members of the senate to be designated  
11 by the president thereof, four members of the house  
12 of representatives to be designated by the speaker  
13 thereof, and a representative each of labor, industrial  
14 management, and the general public, to be appointed

15 by the governor, with the advice and consent of the  
16 council, is hereby established to investigate and study  
17 the feasibility of similar legislative action by the gen-  
18 eral court of Massachusetts for the purpose of at-  
19 tracting new industries to the commonwealth and re-  
20 taining the present industries and the high standards  
21 of employment and management in this common-  
22 wealth. The commission shall be provided with quar-  
23 ters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hear-  
24 ings, may require by summons the attendance and  
25 testimony of witnesses and the production of books  
26 and papers, and may expend for clerical and other  
27 services and expenses such sums as may be appro-  
28 priated therefor. Said commission shall report to the  
29 general court the results of its investigation and study  
30 hereunder, and its recommendations, together with  
31 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-  
32 mendations into effect, by filing one or more reports  
33 with the clerk of the senate at such time or times as  
34 the commission may elect; provided, that the com-  
35 mission shall so file its final report on or before the  
36 first Wednesday of December in the current year.