

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 2, 1946.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom were referred so much of the partial report of the joint committee on Ways and Means authorized (under the provisions of an order adopted by the House on July 17 and by the Senate on July 19, 1945 and of an order adopted by the House on July 20 and by the Senate on July 24, 1945) to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of any or all matters pertaining to the finances of the Commonwealth and of all matters affecting racing and racing revenue, public welfare, state and educational institutions, issuance of citations to veterans of World War II and to a program for state building projects (House, No. 1600) as relates to further regulating the granting of licenses for horse or dog racing meetings at which the pari-mutuel or certificate system of wagering is permitted held in connection with state or county fairs, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 28) of Edward C. Peirce that the State Racing Commission be abolished and a state racing board established with additional powers and duties, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 82) of William R. Conley that provision be made for the election of the State Racing Commission by the voters of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 180) of William R. Conley that horses from whose legs the nerves have been removed be prohibited from racing in horse racing meetings in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 239) of William R. Conley for legislation to provide that in certain cases

money wagered at horse racing meetings shall be refunded, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 311) of William R. Conley for legislation to prohibit the running in any horse racing meeting in the Commonwealth of horses who have been pin fired, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 312) of William R. Conley for legislation to prohibit the running in any horse racing meeting in the Commonwealth of horses two years of age or less, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 216) of Peter J. Jordan for legislation to further regulate the provisions of law limiting the locations of dog race tracks within the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 217) of Charles F. Martin for legislation further regulating the holding and conducting of horse races, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 955) of Louis Lobel for legislation to further regulate the dates during which horse racing meetings may be held, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 956) of Peter J. Jordan and William R. Conley for legislation to regulate further dog racing meetings in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1137) of James S. Fegan that registration fees be established on horses or dogs that compete on tracks where a pari-mutuel form of wagering is conducted, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1139) of Alexander F. Sullivan for legislation to prohibit and penalize the use of drugs for the purpose of affecting the speed of horses and dogs at racing meetings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1144) of William J. Kiernan for legislation to regulate and control the operation of the lure in the racing of dogs, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1338) of Dennis P. Glynn for legislation relative to the sale of "daily double" tickets at racing meetings, report the accompanying order (House, No. 1853).

For the committee,

LOUIS LOBEL.

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Ordered, That the Committee on Legal Affairs is hereby authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of all matters affecting racing and racing revenue. The Committee shall investigate whether the sums now payable to the Commonwealth by holders of licenses to conduct horse and dog racing meetings in the Commonwealth are just and reasonable and whether they are best adapted to serve the revenue requirements of the Commonwealth. It shall review the conduct of these enterprises for the purpose of determining whether any change in the existing law with regard to said conduct is necessary or desirable and what effect, if any, any changes in the policy with regard to the granting of licenses may have upon the revenue of the Commonwealth. It shall also consider the probable effect, upon the gross volume of the business of racing meetings and therefore upon the revenues of the Commonwealth, of any changes in the provisions of Chapter 128A of the General Laws, so far as it relates either to the conduct of the business of the payments to the Commonwealth. It shall make necessary examinations and inquiries with respect to horse and dog racing meetings held outside the Commonwealth by which revenue derived from pari-mutuel wagering within the Commonwealth may be affected.

In making its investigation and study, the Committee shall consider the subject matter of current Senate documents numbered 28, 82, 180, 239, 311, 312, and of current House documents numbered 216, 217, 955, 956, 1137,

1139, 1144, 1338, and so much of current House document numbered 1600 as relates to further regulating the granting of licenses for horse or dog racing meetings at which the pari-mutuel or certificate system of wagering is permitted held in connection with state or county fairs.

The Committee may hold hearings in Boston or elsewhere, may travel within and without the Commonwealth, shall be entitled to receive assistance from all public employees within the Commonwealth, may summon and examine witnesses and require by subpoena the production of books and papers, and may expend for clerical and other services and expenses such sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$10,000 as may hereafter be appropriated therefor. It shall report to the General Court, not later than the second Wednesday in March, 1947, by filing with the Clerk of the House of Representatives the results of its investigation, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry said recommendations into effect.