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legislation was introduced in the senate, by a Massachusetts representative in that House. It was read twice and referred to the committee on Education and Labour. At the same time a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives (Ellis, Chetwin, Parlin, Hensley) The House of Representatives passed a resolution, giving authority to the Committee of Ways & Means to conduct an investigation, authorizing a committee to conduct the investigation. The resolution authorizing this committee was as follows (over)

(8) States $3000 was appropriated for the purpose of the investigation. The committee met on March 17, of that year and appointed a subcommittee which was given the power of carrying on the investigation that year and on January 20th of the year following its report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed for the House. At the time of this meeting information was sent to this Washington Committee of the Chief of the Massachusetts Bureau, embracing returns obtained by a special agent of the Bureau from wholesale & retail dealers & contractors carrying on clothing business in the city of Boston, the returns covering

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