

HOUSE No. 774

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the over-population of coyotes in the Commonwealth. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE NEEDS OF PROPERTY OWNERS WITH THOSE OF COYOTES.

1 *Resolved*, hat a special commission, to consist of 7 members, is
2 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and
3 study relative to devising a comprehensive plan to address the
4 growing overpopulation of coyotes in the Commonwealth, and to
5 better balance the safety and well-being of residents with the needs
6 of coyotes for adequate natural habitat. Said commission shall con-
7 sist of three members of the house of representatives, one of whom
8 shall be the house chair of the Joint Committee on Natural
9 Resources and Agriculture, two members of the Senate, one of
10 whom shall be the Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Natural
11 Resources and Agriculture, the commissioner of the Department of
12 Fish and Game, and one representative of anti-trapping interests.

13 Said commission shall report to the General Court the results of
14 its study and its recommendations together with drafts of legislation
15 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same
16 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before December
17 31, 2008.