

HOUSE No. 2166

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Keiko M. Orrall

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to review security and safety procedures in the State House and state courthouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2166) of Keiko M. Orrall and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to review security and safety procedures in the State House and courthouses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to review security and safety procedures in the State House and state courthouses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a
2 commission to research and assess the safety procedures in place for the State House and state
3 courthouses in the Commonwealth. The commission shall examine and determine if appropriate
4 procedures have been established to ensure public safety. The commission shall consist of: the
5 secretary of the executive office of public safety and security, or a designee, who shall serve as
6 chair; the commissioner of conservation and recreation or a designee; 2 members of the house of
7 representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the senate, 1
8 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; a representative of the state police; the
9 superintendent of state buildings or a designee, and 3 persons to be appointed by the governor.
10 The commission shall commence within 2 weeks of the effective date of this act and shall meet
11 at least four times. The Commission shall present a report on its findings and recommendations
12 by December 31, 2015.